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South Green Lake VFD Newsletter

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President's Report

Susan McKie

It's been another year of gains for our Fire Department. The final inspection of our fire hall addition should be completed by the time of the AGM, once a few minor items are completed.

The inside slab and outside aprons were poured late last summer and the trucks and equipment have all been moved into the new building.

We also had a slab poured in the old truck bay, which has become our new bottle sorting area. Mike Balachanoff and John Nesbitt built sorting tables and shelving in this area and we had new lighting installed. This is a heated area, which makes bottle sorting much nicer during the winter months. Bottle sorting is especially heavy after the long week-ends, so we are arranging to meet at the hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after the long week-ends to sort bottles. Your bottle/juice box

returns are invaluable to the Fire Department. We thank you for dropping your donations at the Fire Hall on your way out or at the 70 Mile Transfer Station drop off shed. We plan on moving the bottle drop off shed to the front of the new building. Look for the signs when dropping off your bottles. Thank you!

Thank you to Dwayne Parrent for ensuring we had our radiant heaters in the new building working before winter. Our Hydro bills have decreased considerably. Fred Kuyak generously donated his time and expertise to make and install a work bench, shelving and operations desk. Henry Sawatsky, Mike Balachanoff and Roger Graham

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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 Acting Fire Chief, Peter McKie at 250-456-6806



Annual General Meeting

Fred Potter Memorial Hall
(upstairs)

546 Green Lake South Road
Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am

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installed the last of the metal siding and mouldings. Everyone has worked together to reach our objective of an operational garage. Thank you to everyone (Executives, Directors, Firefighters and Ladies Auxiliary members) who keep our Volunteer Fire Department running so efficiently. We appreciate the many hours you put into attending meetings, practices, first aid training and community events.

We are planning on “sprucing” up the old building in the near future. We recently had Garth’s Electric come in to do a retro-fit on the old lighting. We’ll receive a rebate from BC Hydro for this upgrade. Our plan is to paint the upstairs and the washrooms over the next few months and generally give the building a good cleaning.

Congratulations to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, who put in many hours baking over 300 pies for the Garage/Bake sale. They obviously did a great job, as most of the baking was sold within the first hour. (see Pat Graham’s report).

Long time residents of South Green Lake, Bill Rossum and Ernie Dolye have retired as volunteer firefighters. Bill has also served as a Director on the Executive. We appreciate all the work Bill and Ernie have put into the community and know they will continue to support us in other ways.

Susan McKie
President, SGLVFD

2012 Raffle Draw



Ladie's Auxiliary Report

SGLVFD ANNUAL GARAGE/BAKE SALE:

The Annual Garage/Bake Sale was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 and was, once again, a huge success. It was so nice to be able to set everything up in our new building on Friday and not have to worry about the weather. We hope you all noticed our new banner, which we strung in the trees at the junction of North Bonaparte and South Green Lake Road.



The Ladies Auxiliary was extremely busy during April and made over 300 assorted pies (apple, blueberry, cherry, strawberry/rhubarb), along with dozens of

butter tarts and cupcakes. We were fortunate to have some apples, blueberries, rhubarb and cherries donated by members of the auxiliary, which helped to keep our costs down. People were lined up at the doors when we opened at 10:00 am and the pies and other goodies were almost sold out within the first hour. We are pleased to report that the Garage/Bake/Raffle/Book and Hot Dog sales brought in just over \$4,000.00 this year (after expenses). All of this money will go into the building fund, as we continue to improve our facilities. This was our best year ever!

We would like to thank all of you who donated your “gently used” items. It’s time to start thinking of next year. Please remember to contact the Fire Hall if you are clearing out your home or cabin. We can arrange to have your items picked up if necessary.

Thank you to all the members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the volunteer firefighters, along with other residents of the community, who put in so much effort to make our event a success. We wouldn’t be able to do it without you.

Pat Graham,

President – SGLVFD – Ladies Auxiliary

Fire Chief's Report

Peter McKie – Acting Fire Chief

I would like to thank all residents of South Green Lake for a fire-free year. Our 911 call-outs this past year were limited to trees down on Hydro lines and camp fires exceeding the restriction of .5m x .5m.

We continue to practice bi-weekly on Saturdays throughout the year and will include a Tuesday practice throughout the summer (every second Tuesday) starting June 18th. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the VFD, please call Peter @ 250-456-6806.

We'd like to welcome the following people who have joined our ranks since last year. They are: Dunham Craig, John Sullivan, Bob Bell, Matt McFarlane, Dave Clearwater, Dave Plenhert and Daryle Rogers. Welcome! Leaving the department since the last newsletter are Dave Goodwin, who has stepped down and, as previously noted, Bill Rossum and Ernie Doyle who have retired. Thank you to all past and present firefighters for your commitment to our community.

Our department has fulfilled our in-kind commitment to the Wildfire Prescription earlier this spring. This project turned into more work than all parties envisioned and we are awaiting the final inspection by Lands and Forests this summer. A huge thank you to all who helped see this major project to the end.

We are continuing to train as much as possible, whenever courses and manpower are available. Besides our bi-weekly practices, we have completed the following formal training:

- Pumps and Pumping - December 10-14, 2012 – six firefighters.
- 150 Mile VFD Training Week-end – May 4-5, 2013 – two firefighters.
- Practical First Aid – June 1-2, 2013 – ten firefighters.
- Pumps and Pumping – June 21-22, 2013 – eight firefighters.

Thank you to Del Westfall for his commitment to our training. His training techniques, along with his knowledge of pumps and hoses for all our trucks, has made our job much easier.

We continue to outfit our department trucks as needed. Major purchases this past year have been a generator, 1 ½" hoses, 2 ½" hose, various fittings, 3 new pagers and a gas pressure washer to keep everything clean. Most of the purchases were to outfit our 1994 Superior pumper, which is now fully operational and is our First Response vehicle.

Just a reminder that as of May 1st, NO OPEN BURNING is in effect. This includes grass fires, burn barrels and no camp fires larger than .5m x .5m.

Insurance Savings!

We had Western Financial Group, a local insurance broker in 100 Mile House supply us with quotes on 4 different range of homes. One with firehall coverage and one without coverage. These are just examples of the different costs and the savings realized with a local fire department. Remember, the volunteers spend a lot of time training and practicing to make your community a safe place to live and vacation. We are constantly planning for what equipment needs to be purchased either for replacement or in addition to what we already have. This past year the

Home Value	Home Type	No Fire Hall	Fire Hall	Savings
\$350,000	Frame	\$3,519	\$1,683	\$1,836
\$500,000	Frame	\$3,560	\$1,956	\$1,604
\$400,000	Log	\$3,344	\$1,911	\$1,433
\$100,000	Manufactured	\$773	\$570	\$203

firefighters had spent a lot of time completing our Operation Fuel Treatment Application. It's equally important that your lot be kept clear of standing dead trees and dead ground cover.



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.”

A Bit of History

“We are proud of yesterday; we are planning for the future”

The above quote was from an article written by Linda Caterer and published in a local paper in 1983! I thought it was very appropriate.

The South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department was formed in May, 1981. It was a busy time with a lot of fundraising happening. On May 25, 1983 the Lady’s Auxiliary was formed. The objective of the auxiliary was fundraising but they also has their own fire practices so when the men were off at work, they could respond to any fires! In 1983 enough funds were raised to be able to purchase the first truck, a 1977 Dodge one-ton flat deck.



The next step was a place to store the truck. A Crown Land grant had been received from the provincial government for a lot, and plans were formulated to build a log firehall. An \$18,000 grant was also received from the BC Lotteries Foundation for the construction of the new hall!

In September of 1984 the Ladies Auxiliary planned on moving their meetings to the newly finished hall.

Not to take it easy, the next project came in 1992 when an addition to the rear of the hall was constructed. This addition included a new kitchen upstairs and Men’s and Ladie’s washrooms downstairs.



In 2005, a new addition was added on to the side of the building to house a Tender (Tanker). It is now currently used as our bottle sorting area. It’s the first heated area for bottle sorting and it’s been nice working inside on cold winter days.

In Summer of 2011 a new building was started as the trucks had out-grown the original building. The new building houses the latest pumper that we purchased from Kamloops in 2011. It’s great to have room to maintain the vehicle in a heated environment!



We would like to thank Fred Kuyek for volunteering his time to build us cabinets for the new building. We’ve got a nice desk with drawers and overhead cabinets with doors. On the other side of the building he installed overhead cabinets and a 16 foot workbench.

“From humble beginnings.....”

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.

Mike Balachanoff	Doug Hughes
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Ladies Auxiliary Board of Directors

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Fred Potter Memorial Hall
**South Green Lake VFD
Community Day
& Open House**
Saturday August 3, 2013
10 AM - 1 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!

*"Working together,
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!

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