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Fire Bans 1-800-663-7867 www.bcwildfire.ca

Fire Department Call Out 911 Forest Fire to Report 1-800-663-5555

Bear Aware/Bear Report 1-800-663-9453

www.bearaware.bc.ca

Fireworks Incidents R.C.M.P. 911

Local Non Emerg # - 250-836-2878

Presidents Report

Swansea Point Community Association

Betty-Jean Sachro Director, Acting President

President's address at Annual Summer barbecue on July 17, 2022

Welcome friends and neighbours to our annual Swansea Point Community Association summer barbecue. We hope you have had the opportunity to grab some food and access information at one of our booths:

NEPP: Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Plan

The forest fires last summer showed us the importance of better communication and preparation in these events. This plan is in place to provide us with the necessary tools to be informed and prepared at all times. Up to date information is available on the Columbia Shuswap Regional District webpage at csrd.bc.ca, electoral area E. We also recommend that if you have not already done so, you download the "Alertable" app on your smart device, if you have one.

2. **Bear Aware:** This speaks for itself. There are proactive things we can do to reduce the incidence of attracting bears. We should all do our part to prevent encounters with wildlife as it is detrimental to their health as well as ours.

3. **Fire Smart:** Information is available on how to make our homes more fire safe and educate us on prevention of fires and what to do in the event we are involved in a fire.

4. **Memberships:** (for those that have not already) A membership in the Community Association ensures that you will be linked into important communications and receive information about community events. We publish a newsletter every 2 months and look to you all to provide us with topics which are a concern to you that we may be able to assist with or provide more information on.



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Today we are also dedicating our recently planted, beautiful dogwood tree at the entrance to our community, to the past and current members of our fire department. A special thank you to Mike Thoms for his assistance in tree selection as well as maintenance and beautification of our entrance. Mike was also one of our firefighters and most recently involved in the safety and protective services for our firefighters. Thank you to Cody Denovan, also a firefighter, for planting the tree for us.

Our firefighters are selfless individuals who voluntarily step up to protect us against some of mother nature's wildest disasters. I cannot say enough about all they do. We are fortunate enough to have a few of our retired fire chiefs, who still reside in our community, with us today. They are:

Janet McQuhae, who was on our fire department for 15 years, approximately 3 years as chief and prior to that, deputy fire chief and acting fire chief. She retired In 2019. Janet is still very active in our community and is currently managing the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program. During Janet's tenure the fire department were awarded official uniforms for the first time.

Ed Hermann:

Ed and his brother Don both signed on with the fire department at the same time, 30 years ago. Ed was fire chief for a short while. Both Ed and Don served many years on our fire department.

Our most recently retired chief is **Dave Schurek**. Dave retired last year after having been on the fire department for 15 years with the last six years as chief. Although retired, Dave continues to offer a very valuable service to the community through his knowledge of CISM and assisting individuals in a time of crisis. He is also a trained chaplain which is complimentary to critical incident management. He reminds us that this is the 25th anniversary of the 1997 landslide, debris flow and the 10th anniversary of the 2012 high water, bank failure and the first anniversary of the wildfires.

An honourable mention goes to previous members of our fire department who are still living in our community: David Dahl, Claude Dubrule, Gord Parker, Patricia Kennedy and Mark Klynn. Linda Keats and Mark Kavanagh were on the fire department a number of years and have recently relocated to other communities. My apologies if I missed any names.

We wish to thank you all for your service in the fire department, past and present as well as your outstanding and continued support to our community. Let's have a round of applause for all these fine people.

At this time I would like to introduce Joanne Held, previous fire chief in Malakwa and good friend of the Schurek's to say a few words about Dave.

If there are others here today that would like to speak on behalf of other members of our fire department, I would invite you to come forward as well.

Thank you!

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE FIRE FIGHTERS AND
VOLUNTEERS FOR SUPPORTING THE SWANSEA POINT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY BAR-B-QUE!!



We will traditionally plan for our community BBQ's the third Sunday in July.

Mark your calendars for Next Year SPtCA BBQ Sunday, July 16 11:00am– 1:00pm.

We are currently updating the **Swansea Point website**. We are looking for pictures to submit to our web designer for our new website. If you have photos you would like to share, please email them to secretary@swanseapoint.net



Memberships Due July 2022

We would like to welcome new members to Swansea Point Community Association.
AUGUST 1, 2022 –JULY 31, 2023

Fill out membership application (attached), and e-mail it back with your e-transfer to:
treasurer@swanseapoint.net or request a paper copy from secretary@swanseapoint.net
to drop off at your residence.
Return completed application: with a cheque to:

Swansea Point Community Association
632 Davidson Drive
Swansea Point, B.C V0E 2K2

Receipts sent upon request. Membership Card will be e-mailed to you.

New Fees: \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 couple

Thank you to our community members coming together to clean up our beaches. We are currently working with CSRD getting permission from Fisheries to clean the beaches, which includes a private contractor to come clean and remove debris from high water mark. If it wasn't for our residents, we would have no clean beaches this summer. We will continue working with new CSRD contacts to make changes, and have communication requesting timelines for our beach clean up / maintenance, playgrounds, garbages, and more. If you have further questions or concerns please reach out to president@swanseapoint.net.

You will notice a blue mat runway at the Cambridge Road Community Park (mailbox beach) making this beach handicap accessible.

All beaches are accessible to the public in B.C. below high water. So the public can walk or sit along the shoreline if it is below high water mark but private docks and buoys are not public. However, if docks impede access along the shoreline, they must have steps up and down so the public can pass by them. Please respect the private signs on all docks. Thank you.



Stay informed with last minute information or communication by following us on

Swansea Point Community Association Group Facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/862468894134960/?ref=share>



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

When: Sunday, August 21, 2021

Where: Swansea Point Firehall

Time: 1:00 – 3:00pm

Come out to support your community.

If you are interested in joining the board and would like more information, please reach out to president@swanseapoint.net or

secretary@swanseapoint.net