



May 2022 Newsletter

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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

Greetings everyone! With spring here and summer quickly approaching, we are following up on concerns and working to provide updates in a timely fashion. Since our last meeting, April 14th, I have been in contact with a number of individuals in an attempt to obtain clarification and develop a workable plan going forward.

This past two years have shown us the importance of effective communication and the urgency of having a reliable, consistent means of reaching our residents to convey vital, time sensitive information. Through the NEP (Neighbourhood Emergency Program) we hope to be able to facilitate this as well as identify individuals at risk or those requiring additional support in an emergency. One of our first challenges is to update our membership list, including all new residents and obtain updated best contact information. We encourage all residents to check the bulletin boards by the mailboxes regularly for updates.

We have been reassured that, at this time, the lake has been going down and is just a little higher than this time last year. There are specialists keeping an eye on it and the board has been reassured that sand bagging materials will be made available as soon as a potential need is identified. We encourage all of you to access the information on the Columbia Shuswap Regional District webpage at www.csr.bc.ca Electoral Area E.

Let's all work together to make this a safe and healthy neighbourhood for all residents, family and friends to enjoy.

Betty-Jean Sachro Director, Acting President





Repairs at **Windsor Road Boat Launch** in Swansea Point have now been completed, however, boaters need to hold off for for a little while longer.

Although the boat launch may look ready, the concrete still needs time to set properly. The tentative opening date for the boat launch is **May 17**.

The CSRD will post when the boat launch is ready to re-open.

Becoming a firefighter

Want to give back to your community, make a difference to people affected by disaster, develop new skills and meet new people? Find out more about [becoming a firefighter](#). We are now hiring paid on-call firefighters.

If you are interested in joining one of our CSRD fire departments, please [contact the area Fire Chief](#) or call the CSRD Fire Services Coordinator, Sean Coubrough at 250.833.5955. You can also email fire@csrd.bc.ca

Update From Director Rhona Martin

Update for the Telus Tower: The site is lined up for mid to late 2023 depending on external and internal variables. If everything goes according to plan, some site initial prep work might take place later this year.

Director Martin <RMartin@csrd.bc.ca

You will notice new **GO SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY** have been erected in our community as well as playground area signs. Drivers are urged to be mindful of the speed and to watch out for children at all times.



SWANSEA POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALES

June 4, 2022

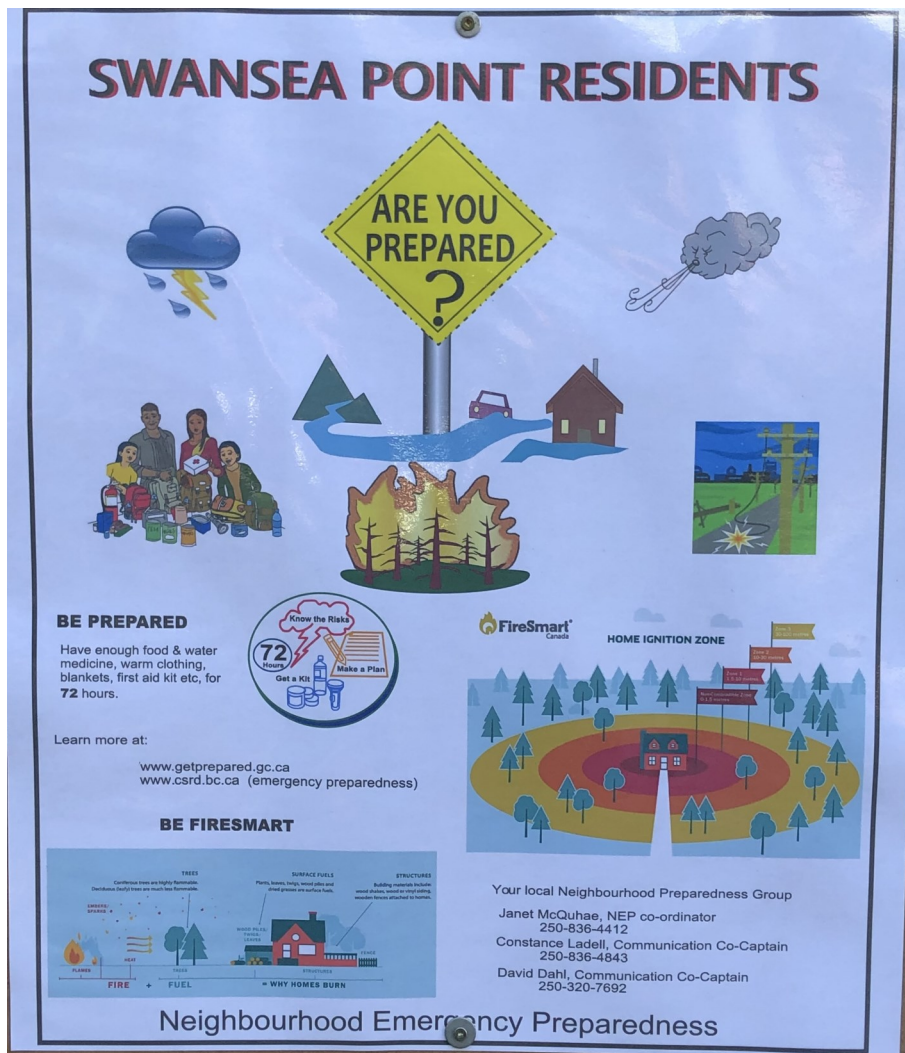
9:00am — 3:00pm

Maps available at all sale locations and online

To Sign up: please call or email Treasurer Barb Jorgensen 250-253-8576

treasurer@swanseapoint.net

Fee: Members Free; Non-members \$10.00 which includes your location on maps, sign at your site, road signs, advertising online and newspaper.



[Register for Emergency Alerts | Columbia](#)

[Shuswap Regional District \(csrd.bc.ca\)](#)

Register for Emergency Alerts

How to Register: Registration for the service is **FREE**, simple and **anonymous**.

For mobile app alerts, download the [Alertable app](#) for [iOS](#) and [Android smartphones](#) from the Apple or Google Play stores. The mobile app is the **recommended option** for using the system and will also allow users to access DriveBC and Environment Canada weather alerts.

For desktop and browser notifications, go to [alertable.ca](#)

For use on [Amazon Alexa](#) and [Google Assistant](#), install the Alertable skill and action for these home devices.

In times of crisis, it is important residents have access to trusted, timely and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. In response to this need, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, which operates the Shuswap Emergency Program, has chosen Alertable as an emergency notification program.

This program will serve the Columbia Shuswap Regional District's Emergency Programs including:
Shuswap Emergency Program (SEP)

- CSRD Electoral Areas C, D, E and F; the City of Salmon Arm; the District of Sicamous.

Alertable is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events such as water advisories. That way, you stay aware, plan ahead and save time. Keep yourself and others informed and up-to-date with Alertable.

Memberships Due July 2022

We would like to welcome new members to Swansea Point Community Association.
Membership registration will start this May to collect for next year Memberships.
AUGUST 1, 2022 – JULY 31, 2023

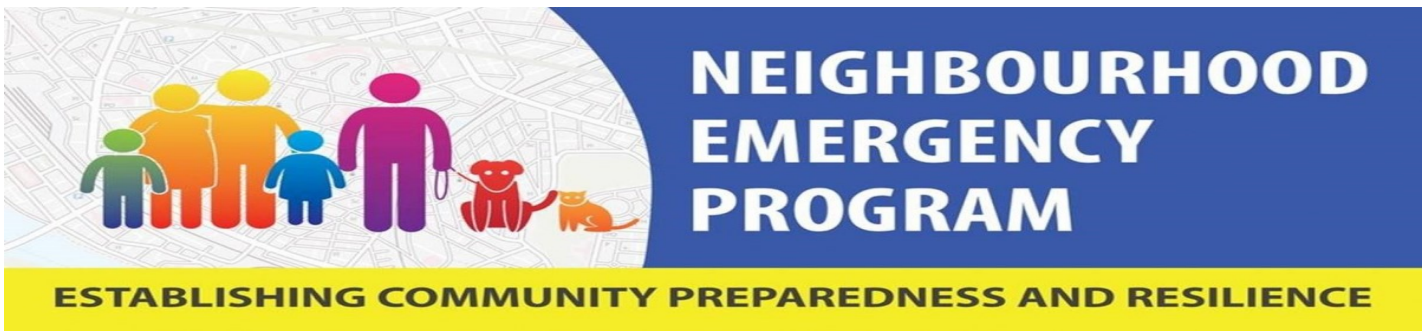
Fill out membership application (attached), and e-mail it back with your e-transfer to:
treasurer@swanseapoint.net

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



After disasters or during other major emergencies, previous experiences have revealed that emergency services response can be delayed for over 72 hours.

Demands on these services have been proven so great that many requests for help cannot be handled immediately. Access to phones, gas, water and electrical services can be cut off.

During disaster situations, experience has also shown that neighbours naturally come together to help one another. Learning how to be prepared can be crucial.

The Shuswap Emergency Program is actively supporting NEP groups in our area. To find out more about how to start a NEP group in your neighbourhood, contact 250.833.5927 or email sep@csrd.bc.ca

What is a Neighbourhood Emergency Program?

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Emergency Program (NEP) is to ensure that Emergency Preparedness is well practiced in the area where it will be most effective – our communities, neighbourhoods and homes. This is accomplished by providing information which can assist neighbourhoods identify their local skills and resources to ensure they are more organized to effectively deal with a disaster.

How is a Neighbourhood Defined?

A neighbourhood is defined in many ways: a small community, a block of single family homes, a co-op complex, strata, an apartment building, mobile home park or other grouping of families.

What are the Benefits of NEP?

NEP can assist you and your neighbours plan to become more resilient to disasters by:

- Identifying potential hazards and their impact
- The preparation of a neighbourhood response plan
- Learning what are your existing localized resources you can work with
- Promoting training in personal preparedness (e.g., first aid, fire suppression...)
- Learning how to report neighbourhood status to the Emergency Operations Centre.

Although many natural disasters cannot be prevented, we can mitigate their effects through preparation and neighbourhoods who are prepared are more likely to:

- Cope effectively during the event
- Recover more quickly after the event.