

HAYES CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE

July 2019 Newsletter

Summer greetings to all Hayes Creek Fire residents in the Osprey, Chain and Link Lake area. In the past year we have responded to 12 emergency calls, (2 MVA's, 7 medical calls, 1 helicopter medical evacuation, 1 flood call and 1 structure fire). The structure fire was a shake roof fire caused by a wood burning stove and made much worse by high winds.

There were firefighters in the hall at the time of the call and because of fast response by our members and quick action by the home owner the home was saved and the rest of the structure was very slightly smoke and water damaged.(the roof did not fare as well).

A 911 call for a structure fire in Hayes Creek district gets response from our members with 4 fire trucks, mutual aid from Erris Fire and 3 fire trucks , an ambulance, RCMP and a Fortis truck. (The number of firefighters and fire trucks depends on time of day and number of firefighters available...which is true for all volunteer fire brigades) Fires or structure fires impinging on interface areas will also get a forestry response between April and October.

As I write this in mid July... we have had a dry April and May followed by an unseasonably cool and wet June and early July with rain most days it seems. The result besides no tan lines is tall grass and weeds, which will become in the warm days to come tall and tinder dry fuel. Do your part and remove this fuel at least 30 feet from all your buildings and log into "Fire Smart BC" to learn how to fire smart your property.

The vast majority of homes lost in forest fires are not consumed by a fire rushing thru but rather by flying embers and sparks carried by fire caused by high winds, (fire sometimes up to 10 kilometres away) landing in gutters, under decks and into dry tinder around buildings, smouldering and starting small fires and eventually igniting buildings.

You can also safeguard your buildings with roof top sprinklers...Hayes Creek Fire hall have a supply and are able to offer them \$25.00 below store prices...(\$150.00 inc. tax for two Wasp sprinklers and two hoses) They are very effective in suppressing sparks and raising humidity on your property, myself and many of our firefighters have purchased them to protect their properties. You can also purchase from other fire safety sources blue tooth operated hydrants that allow you to turn on your sprinklers from any smart phone or laptop when you are not there.

August 4th we will be holding our Annual Meet and Greet the general meeting will start at 10:00AM, everyone is welcome, after which we will be doing fire safety demonstrations as well as demonstrations on the roof top sprinklers. We will be offering burgers, hotdogs and cold drinks by donation plus tickets sold for draws on lovely gift baskets, a hand made quilt and a load of seasoned split firewood, delivered.

Our pancake breakfasts will resume in October and there is a ladies craft day every Thursday and "announced" games night sometimes weekly.

On certification we require a truck newer than 20 years of age (we now have \$36,000.00 saved for the purchase when we find one) we also require another \$20,000.00 of new turn-out gear (we have purchased the pants and now need new coats.... a set of

Turnout gear is about \$3500.00 per firefighter)... certification will lower insurance costs by up to 40% or an average \$500.00 per household.

We have now purchased a used side-by-side to carry water, hose and equipment and to tow our pump trailer and we are fitting it out, special thanks to Osprey Ratepayers for partial sponsorship.

PLEASE NOTE: A much more pressing matter is we are in dire need of new members...this year 4 of our members have moved or “aged” out and two of our current members are in their 80’s... I myself am 71...and we have only two members not retired. Both men and women are needed, we have a great hall, trucks and funds...but without new members, certification is not attainable. We appeal to any full time residents or almost full time residents to consider joining our great organization and enjoy the feeling of giving back to your community. In short we need more of you to pay your yearly \$100.00 property registration fee to be certified and more volunteers to be viable in the future.

If you are interested and can help please give one of our directors a call.

A big thank you to all who have paid their yearly \$100.00 property registration for 2019 and to those who donate their refundable cans and bottles, it really helps.

Have a great summer and we hope to see you at the Meet & Greet.

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PROPERTY REGISTRATION FORM:
HAYES CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE
3950 PRINCETON SUMMERLAND ROAD
PRINCETON, BC. V0X1W0

NAME: _____

E-MAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

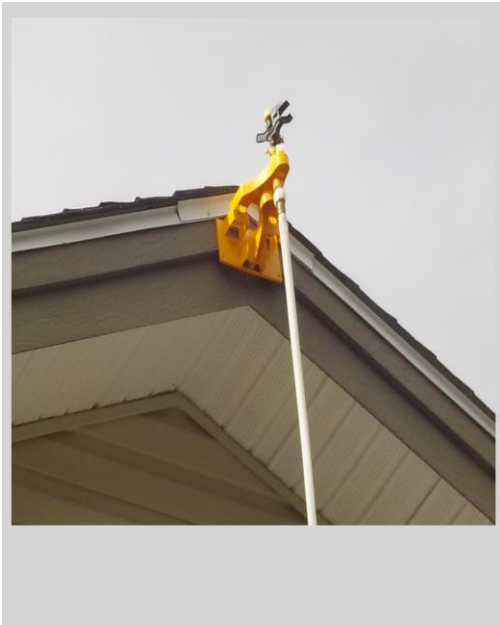
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Hayes Creek's Side by side

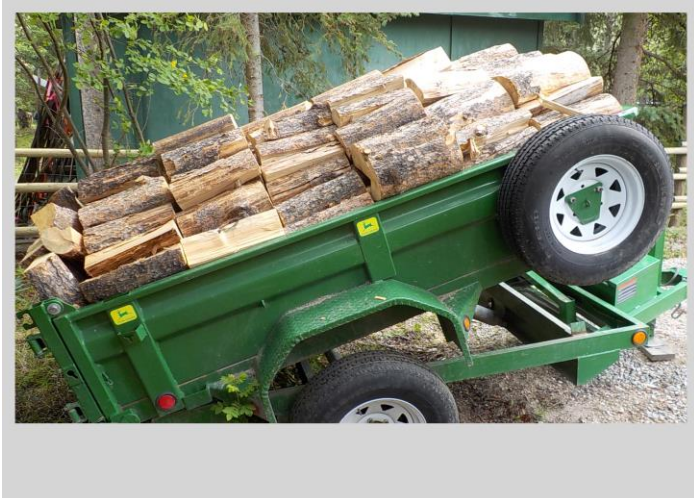


Wi-Fi auto sprinkler hydrant



Roof top Sprinkler





Door Prizes for raffle at August 4th Meet & Greet
Load of firewood (trailer not included)



Four Beautiful Baskets by Barbara



Handmade quilt made by the Crafty Ladies

