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## WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

Another fire season is just ahead of us and the Wasa Volunteer Fire committee has been busy getting ready. As you may already know, we divide our energies equally between prevention and suppression.

With regards to SUPPRESSION, the 500 gallon community water trailer is set up to action fire April 15 to October 15. If you wonder why it is not available the rest of the year, the answer is simple: FREEZE-UP. During times when the temperatures dip below zero, hoses and pumps are in danger of freezing and hence not only become inoperable, but will sustain permanent damage.

The WHO TO CALL IN CASE OF FIRE lists are available at the Wasa Hardware & Building Centre and Post Office. Grab a copy from one of these spots or cut it out of this issue of the Buzz to stick on your fridge. If you see fire, call the phone numbers of the volunteers on the list until someone answers; we will activate the community water trailer and call others in the community who also have water trailers ready for fire.

The other half of the fire picture, of course, is PREVENTION and we are gearing up to deliver another FIRESMART program in 2021. We will be repeating the popular FIRESMART Media Blitz on the Wasa Community Facebook page throughout the month of May. Watch for daily posts about easy ways to significantly reduce fire hazards around your home. Best of all, we will have prizes and giveaways... further details will be posted on Facebook!



PHOTOS: The Operations Committee getting the community trailer ready to go for 2021

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# WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE .....

submitted by Barry Morvai

So here we are entering the month of May, or as I like to call it, the beginning of mosquito season....yaaaaaaay. If you are evening or night viewing anything in the sky with your viewing apparatus, this time of year can get frustrating ..... mosquito net anyone?

So as you are all aware, we (earth) have one satellite ..... AND ..... its the fifth largest in our solar system. What you may not have been aware of is that there are over 200 moons in our little planetary pool. There are 158 confirmed moons and 56 provisional moons. Moons that begin with a letter and a year are considered provisional, and will be given a proper name once their discoveries are confirmed by additional observations.

That being said, Mercury and Venus do not have moons orbiting them ..... (they wouldn't play nice, so their moons got taken away).

Mars has 2 and Pluto has 5.

The gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn each have 53 and absolutely refuse to share with Mercury and Venus. The ice giants (sounds like a superhero movie), 41 between them. 27 around Uranus (stop laughing, this is a family show) and 14 with Neptune.

So, if you have a telescope, or know someone with a telescope, it might be fun to try and find some of these celestial objects orbiting our neighbors in the sky.

Here's some other objects to keep an eye out for in the month of May:

**May 6,7-Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower:** this is an above average shower capable of producing over 30 meteors per hour. These are produced from dust particles left behind from Halley's comet, which have been around for ever. It runs annually from mid-April to the end of May but peaks around the 6th. Best viewing is around midnight. If you're young, you shouldn't have a problem staying up to watch. If you're older (like me), you may wanna have an afternoon nap first ..... just sayin.

**May 11-New moon:** A good time to see faint objects in the sky.

**May 17-Look for Mercury** in the western sky just after sunset. It will be at its highest point above the horizon at this time.

**May 26-Full Moon/Super Moon:** This is the second of three supermoons this year and is also a total lunar eclipse. The moon will get darker and take on a rusty or blood red color and should be visible in western north America ..... bonus!! Other names for this moon are: flower moon (spring flowers), corn planting moon and milk moon.

So there ya have it. Hopefully, you folks around the Tri-Village area, or as I like to say, the village people, are able to observe the supermoon/eclipse on a cloudless, mosquito free warm evening. Until next time .....



## Tips & Tricks

Send yours to: [trivillagebuzz@gmail.com](mailto:trivillagebuzz@gmail.com)

- This spring, make faucets clean and sparkly by rubbing a lemon half on the water stains. The citric acid helps remove hard water marks.
- Dryer sheets are non-abrasive and a great way to remove burnt-on food from your stove. Place the wet dryer sheet on your stovetop at least 15 minutes before rubbing the gunk away.
- Combine 1 tsp of cream of tartar with just enough water to create a milky paste. Rub the solution onto your stainless steel appliances and wipe away to reveal their original shine.





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## MOVING SALE SALE SALE

It is time for us to move  
So the 26 years of collecting  
Has come to an end ...  
Marnie and Barney have turned the  
Office into a liquidation moving sale

Saturday's and Sunday's  
April May June  
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### Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

1. Find something that makes you happy.
2. Something to give someone else to make them smile.
3. Find one thing that you love to smell.
4. Find one thing you enjoy looking at.
5. Find something that's your favourite colour.
6. Find something you are thankful for in nature.
7. Find something that you can use to make a gift for someone.
8. Find something that is useful for you.

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the robin,  
and the  
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out clear  
Wake up!  
Wake up!  
Spring is  
here.



**The Lions Den**

*Wasa & District Lions Club – Serving Wasa & Area since 1976*

## **Lion's Roar**

submitted by Terry Marvel

The Wasa Lion's have been fairly dormant these last few months, like everyone else, but there are things in the works. The new metal had been ordered for the kitchen eating area roof. Once again, we will be calling for help from Lion members and the community to volunteer help to remove the old roofing and install the new. We are hoping this will happen April 24th and 25th.

We will be doing our annual highway cleanup on May 29th. Again, Lion's members and the community are asking for help with this. It is only a two hour process and the more people the faster it gets done! We will meet at the Lion's grounds at 10:00 AM. We should be finished by noon if enough people turn up. You will be issued pickup pinchers and safety vests along with large garbage bags. The cleanup area extends from the south end of the Wasa Trailer Court to the garbage bins at the pull-out at the north end of the old drag strip.

We have applied for a grant for some rink toppers from the Western Financial Place to replace the existing ones. More on that later.

We hope everyone has a great spring with physical distancing and all other Covid protocol.

Stay safe and healthy!

# RDEK NEWS

**KDEK NEWS**



By Area E Director Jane Walter

This month I am submitting a quick breakdown of where your Area E taxes are going. Generally we all go through the numbers when we are holding our Town Hall meeting. With the Covid - 19 restrictions we can not hold the meeting. If you have any questions please call me or email me. My number is 250-427-2577; my email is s.janewalter@gmail.com

Please stay safe and have a great month.

Thanks Jane Walter

## **2021 REQUISITION – ELECTORAL AREA E**

**\$12 Decrease on average residential property**

General Admin	\$35
Electoral Area Admin	57
Building Inspection	16
911	3
Planning	28
Kimberley Library	8
Regional Parks	5
Area E Parks	24
Discretionary Grants-in-Aid	11
Invasive Plant Management	1
Unsightly Premises/Noise	2
Area E Cemeteries	1
Area E Economic Development	0
Emergency Mgt Program	6
Central Solid Waste	145
Provincial Collection Fee (5.25%)	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$360</b>





# 2021 SPECIFIC SERVICES – AREA E

Wasa - Ta Ta Creek Mosquito Requisition \$133,000

Wasa - Ta Ta Creek Mosquito Parcel Tax \$ 208

Lazy Lake Water Level Control Requisition \$ 1,260

Lazy Lake Water Level Control Parcel Tax \$ 27

\* Plus 5.25% Provincial Collection Fee

\*\* No Change to Mosquito Requisition, increase in number of parcels reduced tax by \$3

\*\*\* Parcel Tax increase for Lazy Lake Water Control in 2022 as the current taxation can no longer support the service.

## Lazy Lake Water Control

- Completion of new culvert with grant funding from Community Works Fund and one time Area E DGIA Grant.
- Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds
  - Two new outhouses (funded by Area C grant)
- Area E Parks
  - Avery Lake Access – routine maintenance
  - Cherry Creek Park
    - Routine Maintenance
    - Porta-Potti mid May to mid October
  - St. Mary Lake Park
    - Routine maintenance
    - Brush removal, parking delineators and rock placement
    - Additional Kiosk
- Central Solid Waste – no tax increase
  - Construction of Composting Facility 2021, Operational 2022 (details to follow)
  - Construction of New Cell on Central Landfill Lands (8-10 year )
  - Pave Kimberley and Cranbrook Recycle Depots
  - Fencing and Septage Pond Cleanout at Wasa Transfer Station. Upgraded Signage at all sites
  - Continue to contribute to Reserve for future Kimberley Landfill closure
  - Curbside Recycling grants to Kimberley and Cranbrook (funded by Recycle Reserve Fund)

## Garden Facts & Fables .....

*Well, despite the smoky skies from prescribed burns, I've been out cleaning up my flower gardens and getting my vegetable garden ready for all the wonderful things I want to try growing this year. Some I've grown before - and some I have never tried. What are you up to?*

### COMPANION PLANTING SIMPLIFIED

#### **Asparagus:**

HELPS	AVOID
tomatoes parsley	onion, garlic, potatoes, gladiolus

#### **Beets:**

HELPS	AVOID
broccoli, bush beans, lettuce, onions, kohlrabi, cabbage, brassicas	runner /pole beans

#### **Broccoli:**

HELPS	AVOID
lettuce	

#### **Cabbage:**

HELPS	AVOID
beans, celery	grapes

#### **Carrots:**

HELPS	AVOID
tomatoes, alliums, radish, beans, leeks, lettuce, onions	dill, parsnip,

#### **Cauliflower:**

HELPS	AVOID
beans, celery, spinach, peas	

#### **Celery:**

HELPS	AVOID
bush beans, brassicas cucumber	corn, aster flower

#### **Cucumber:**

HELPS	AVOID
beans, kohlrabi, lettuce	potato, aromatic herbs

#### **Lettuce:**

HELPS	AVOID
beets, beans, radish, onions, okra, broccoli, carrots, chinese cabbage	celery, cress, cabbage, parsley

#### **Okra:**

HELPS	AVOID
sweet potato, tomatoes peppers	

#### **Onion:**

HELPS	AVOID
beets, beans, cabbage, carrots, brassicas, lettuce,	lentils, peas

#### **Potato:**

HELPS	AVOID
brassicas, beans corn, peas	carrot, cucumber pumpkin, squash raspberries, tomatoes, sunflowers

#### **Pumpkin:**

HELPS	AVOID
corn, beans	potatoes

#### **Radish:**

HELPS	AVOID
squash, beans eggplant, cucumber, lettuce, peas, pole beans	grapes

#### **Tomatoes:**

HELPS	AVOID
broccoli, peppers celery, roses, asparagus, cabbage	beetroot, corn, rosemary, dill, chili peppers, peas, potatoes, fennel

- Wait for apple trees to bloom before planting bush beans.
- When the apple blossoms fall, plant pole beans and cucumbers.
- By the time the lilacs are in full bloom, it will be safe to plant tender annual flowers and squashes.
- Transfer tomato transplants to the garden when lily-of-the-valley is in full flower.
- Full-sized maple leaves signal time to plant morning glory seeds.
- Peppers and eggplant can be transplanted when the bearded irises are blooming.
- When peonies blossom, it is safe to plant heat-loving melons, such as cantaloupe.



**Clair Elaine Pusztay**  
**January 4, 1964 - March 25, 2021**



It is with great sadness we announce that, on the evening of Thursday, March 25, 2021, surrounded by her loved ones, Clair Elaine Pusztay passed away at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital at the age of 57 years old. Clair was our dear mother, wife, sister, auntie, friend, and first-time grandmother-to-be.

Clair was born in Edmonton, Alberta on January 4, 1964, the youngest of four siblings. Her life's journey led her to live in various towns in Alberta and British Columbia. In 1975 she moved to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, spending 15 of her formative years there. It was there she became proficient in Spanish and became the well recognized lead majorette in her high school's marching band, even appearing in a TV commercial!

Clair was predeceased by her brother Emmery Jr (Jimmy) 1974; father Emmery Pusztay Sr. 1999; mother-in-law Flo Parsons 2006; Father-in-law Harold Barbour 2017; and mother Peggie Pusztay 2018. She is survived by her loving husband of 21 years George Barbour; devoted daughters Clair Szuch (Josh), Vanessa Godziuk (Justin) and Ellen Barbour (Curtis); and adoring siblings Chris Pusztay and Maggie Pusztay (Rob Tweedie); as well as many close friends who became adopted siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

As a single mother Clair worked extremely hard to provide for her family. She also gave selflessly and devoted much of her time to care for her aging parents and in-laws. In 2000 she met the love of her life – George Barbour – with whom she relocated to Wasa and spent many happy days together with their dogs Tillie and Basil. Clair had a passion for the outdoors and enjoyed pedal boating, fishing, and gardening. She loved travelling and enjoyed her trips to Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, and the US. At any age Clair was always up for learning and trying new things.

In 2007 she went back to school to get her Office Administration & Technology – Administrative Assistant certificate at College of the Rockies (Cranbrook Campus). She graduated in 2008, and shortly after, she began working at the College of the Rockies. About a year later, Clair landed the position of her dreams, becoming the International Student Coordinator at COTR Cranbrook Campus. It was there she earned the title of “Mommy Clair” and the love of her international students, as well as her peers. She offered free hugs to everyone and even had a bell on her desk with the inscription “Ring for a Hug”! COTR was voted the #1 college for international students in the world in 2014 and 2015. Coincidence? We think not!

Due to COVID restrictions, a celebration of Clair's life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, you may make a memorial donation to the Palliative Care Unit of the East Kootenay Regional Hospital

(<https://www.ekfh.ca/donations-form/>). As well, condolences may be left for the family at [www.markmemorial.com](http://www.markmemorial.com).

Clair will be dearly missed by us all and all those who came to know her. Our families take this opportunity to thank all of you for your love and support for Clair, as well as for each and every one of us. In Clair's memory, please remember to hug often and spread love and kindness wherever you go.



submitted by Tom Braumandl

ing, vegetation greening up, and, as I had predicted in the last Buzz, the sagebrush butterflies brightening the grassland.

Unfortunately, not all the activity along the lakeshore was positive. One of our eagle-eyed trustees spotted a new lakeshore property owner destroying foreshore vegetation using a bobcat. Upon investigating, it was apparent that the homeowner did not have the required approval for the activity and after being asked to stop, did so. A potentially sizeable part of the waterfront was saved from becoming a biological desert. Further south along the lakeshore at the Cedar St. boat launch, we were informed that people are driving ATVs and trucks on the foreshore destroying vegetation and rutting the shoreline. We are looking into what we can do to hinder motor vehicle access to the foreshore at this location and at the foot of Birch St. WLLID sends out information outlining regulations and best practices for foreshore activities to new lakeshore owners with their first tax bill, but we thought it prudent to send this information out to all lakeshore owners this year to make certain that everyone is informed.

The WLLID website ([wasalake.ca](http://wasalake.ca)) has had a few additions to the homepage. There is a link to a lovely graph showing lake levels over the past eight years and a link to the Columbia Basin Water Hub, where you should soon be able to access water level and quality data.

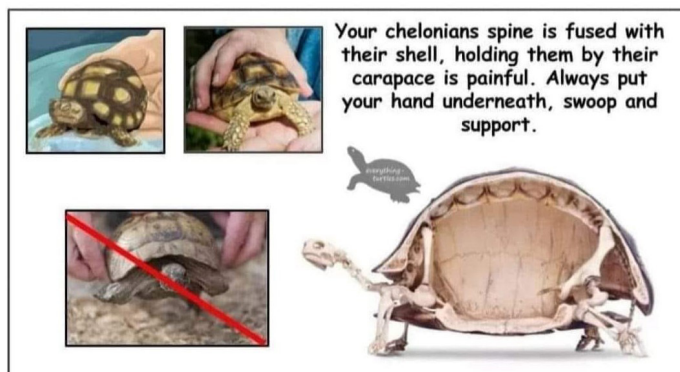
May is the month that the lake level starts its yearly rise and although we have an average snowpack, it always pays to be ready for high water. So, homeowners with culverts and ditches on their driveways would do well to make sure they are clear of debris and check your sump pump if you have one. There are other suggestions from the Regional District for flood preparedness that would be good to review found at [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ef832880351ebb016994fca44/files/16891e6f-e362-439d-a913-32f25193c284/18.04.06\\_Seasonal\\_Preparedness\\_Flooding\\_5\\_page\\_PDF.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ef832880351ebb016994fca44/files/16891e6f-e362-439d-a913-32f25193c284/18.04.06_Seasonal_Preparedness_Flooding_5_page_PDF.pdf). Another thing to think about during the rising waters is to make sure items on the lakeshore are secured so they don't float away and end up at the north end, where us northerners can assess if we'd like to use the item or send it to the landfill.

WLLID trustees are planning their annual Wasa Lake Park Drive garbage cleanup for May 15. We are also coordinating with the local invasive plant species council for a weed pull later in the summer.

Next WLLID meeting is on May 6 at 7 PM via Zoom. If you'd like to attend contact [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca).

Enjoy the Lake!

please be careful when moving our little friends out of the road



Your chelonians spine is fused with their shell, holding them by their carapace is painful. Always put your hand underneath, swoop and support.



to our Buzzing in the Kitchen cookbook cover contest winner; Maggie Vandette and our runner-up; Harmonie Hynes!! You ladies are awesome!

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THE CHARMING GARDENERS  
WHO MAKE OUR SOULS BLOSSOM.

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny

# Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields



Spring Clean has started and the garden is taking shape. Thank you Della Boecheler, Sonia Blackwell, Kim & Cleve Koswan, Sherry Walkley, Sarah Shields, Carol Canning, Mitsu Oishi & Sandi and Phil Lamb. Volunteers are welcome contributors at the garden for spring and fall cleaning, fertilizing and weekly summer maintenance. If interested in volunteering at the garden please contact Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 © or email slshields27@gmail.com.

## 2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

### UNIT 1 Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1000.00 + engraving

Bottom Row - \$900.00 + engraving

### UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)

Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving

Niche Engraving - \$275.00

Memorial Plaque - \$300.00

(engraving costs are subject to change)

### Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or  
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### KOOTENAY RIPPLES

There are a few books remaining for sale.  
\$50.00/ea

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*Wasa & District Lions Club*

**Wasa Lions Raffle 2021**

***Gourmet Meal for 10 Dollars***

*Winner invites 5 friends to an upscale meal and drinks at a lovely home on Wasa Lake*

DRAW DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2021

(DINNER DATE: AUGUST 15, Subject to COVID)

Tickets: \$10.00 each (only 250 tickets sold)

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## Hello Buzz Readers and Happy Spring

The Tri-Village Kids club is saddened to announce that we will be dissolving the club.

Due to ongoing circumstances we have decided at this time it is the best choice for the group. We are currently working to distribute funds among our local community groups, and look forward to working individually with the Lions Club and Rec Society in the future to bring family friendly events and activities to our community once it is safe again to do so.

Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and dedication to our group over the last few years, we had a great time and appreciate so much the continued support of our community.

Stay strong and stay safe, wishing you all a fantastic spring, and we are looking forward to brighter days ahead.

Sincerest thanks from the Tri-Village Kids Club.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that! Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| *Wasa & District Lions Club                          | *Bingo                  |
| *Wasa Recreational Society                           | *Armchair Traveler      |
| *Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter                         | *Wasa Gym               |
| *Wasa Community Library                              | *Tri-Village Kids Club  |
| *Wasa Lake Land Improvement                          | *Wasa Pancake Breakfast |
| *Wasa & District Historical Association/Garden Group |                         |

are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons.

We would love to see you! *"Volunteering is a work of heart."*

## GRILLED BROWN SUGAR-MUSTARD CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup yellow or Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)

In a large bowl, mix mustard, brown sugar, allspice and pepper flakes. Remove 1/4 cup mixture for serving. Add chicken to remaining mixture; toss to coat.

Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat 6-8 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 170°. Serve with reserved mustard mixture.



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## Wasa Community Church

What does the Bible say heaven will be like? Well there are some physical details like we read at the end of Revelation. Talking about the New Jerusalem (part of the New Heaven), it says, ***"The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass"*** (Rev. 21:18). Later on it says, ***"... the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass"*** (Rev. 21:21). Those streets of gold are something that get mentioned a lot, but it's interesting to note that it's like transparent glass. Pure gold, yet transparent. If you keep reading that chapter, you'll see the enormous dimensions of the city measured in cubits, the twelve types of gem that adorn the foundations, the gates made of pearls, the tree of life and the river of life that flows through it.

What will we be like? Philippians 3:21 mentions that Christ ***"... will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body..."*** and again in Revelation 21, the fourth verse tells us about those who enter heaven, saying, ***"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*** We will be free of all the bad things that drag us down in this world, including death, and our old bodies will be transformed into glorious heavenly bodies like that of the ascended Jesus.

Those are some of the describable things, but there are more yet indescribable. Our earthly, limited minds don't even have the capacity to imagine what heaven will truly be like in its fullness. 1 Corinthians 2:9 shares this quote with us: ***"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"*** When you think of exceedingly good surprises, this one will top them all incomparably. However, the greatest thing about heaven is found in Revelation 21:3, which says, ***"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."***

Why do you want to go to heaven? Your answer might not impact whether you go or not. That's instead based on placing your faith in Jesus and what He did for you in dying on the cross and rising again. Nevertheless, the biggest reason why we want to go should be that we get to spend eternal life with the Lord God who was crucified for our sins. We will be with the one who demonstrated during that brutal death that He loves us more than anyone else.

I'll finish with the last verse in the Bible: ***"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."***

Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church, (250) 464-4419

"Spring drew on...and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that Hope traversed them at night, and left each morning brighter traces of her steps."

- Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre

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## The Ultimate Desire

### 1- Overview of our desires

***"Desires may vary, but very crazy are those who trust them";*** this could be the warning to be given to anyone who expects total happiness from his desires. We spend our lives expecting freedom and fulfilment from so many desires. At first, we want to get older to escape the family enclave, then we try to find the perfect companion, the best job to make money, we make babies hoping that through their "newness" they will bring us what we expect, we buy a house or two, a car or two, we go over there, far away, on so-called "vacations", but vacations from what? We buy new clothes, play sports and work out to remain young and healthy, we eat "organic" in fear of being poisoned by any other foods, we watch TV, movies and series to see the lives of others or what our life could be like, we dream up another life, a better life, far from what we dislike in the present moment, and we throw friendly parties and family reunions to keep the past alive. Then, after years of unfulfilled desires, after millions of impossible dreams, we realize that we have grown old, that our most thrilling desires are now unrealizable and we think to ourselves, ***"but what have I done with all these years? Is there anything else that could be achieved to make me feel more complete?"*** We reach 40, 50, 60, 70 and beyond... youth is now behind us, we know it, but we try to make ourselves believe that we are still young somewhere within, that some "youth" can still be extracted from this life and we don't even want to think that life is ending and that we are going to...die! A silent scream of horror: ***"Oh! My god! Oh! My God! No! No! I don't want to die! I am not finished with this life!"*** Let's try some Botox all over my face to pull my skin up in hopes to look younger, get a new hip, a new knee, whiten my new implanted

teeth, what else? The desire for aesthetic beauty often becomes the last desire to hide our fear of aging. But after all these facelifts, our desires go on; even desires we regret are desires all the same!

### 2- Finding the Ultimate Desire

Any desire is nothing but an attempt to make you more yourself. No matter what you are looking for, expecting or wanting, no matter what you have accomplished or failed, it is always to feel even more yourself, more complete, more in touch with you. You have been in pursuit of your own "Self" since the beginning of this life, but you don't know it. All your life, you try to get, to grasp, to catch, to obtain, to add, to be seen and recognized, to accumulate, to possess, to keep, and you think that all you have or could have can increase your presence and your dominion over the world you live in inside your head. You want more of what? You want more of yourself! But what is the nature of the "Self" that you are and unconsciously want? Why is your "Self" constantly in search for expansion? It is because it is the very nature of the "Self" to be One with everything. You are constantly in pursuit of Oneness with all, that's it, that's all. Understand it once and for all!

In the world of forms and names, all objects are very attractive to your senses and could eventually become good additions to increase your sense of being. But you also realize that it is never enough, that you want more, and in the end the last acquisition was still not enough. On one hand, you are disappointed and on the other hand, you look for another addition to yourself, whether it's a new physical object or something to do or to be or a new relationship with someone. Everybody seeks his own "Self" and the Search for the "Self" is then: the Ultimate Desire!

### 3- Finding the Self

To be fulfilled, in a state of bliss and completeness, you must enquire about the Nature of your own Self. You as "me" is a presence, a present consciousness, an awareness that is experiencing this life, a presence that has been wrongly identified with the false truth of being only that body and that mind. Through your desires, you are looking for the freedom of your true Self. Freedom and fulfillment cannot be found through any external addition to yourself. Freedom is beyond understanding, beyond the movement of mind, and yet there is one very important intellectual thing to grasp. It is to know that no object will ever give you peace of mind. If you know this, you will not be attracted by transient objects; this is simple dispassion (*Vairagya*). "Viveka" in Sanskrit is the discrimination between the Real and the unreal. The desire for Freedom is the passion for the Real and "Vairagya" is dispassion for the unreal. Who experiences your suffering and your joy? It is not the body nor the mind. The enjoyer is something else. Who is the witness of enjoyment when the body is involved in enjoying? The witness is not engaged, but only the witness. This is the "self", your own beloved Heart. You are that "Self". The Self should remain your Ultimate Desire, for only in the dimension of the Self is there eternal life and the true Bliss of Awareness called "Sat-Chit-Ananda", the Bliss of the Consciousness of the Being. The Guru is nothing but your inner Guide able to lead you to the highest point of your Own Self where you can breathe, for the first time, the fresh and pure air of Freedom of the Self.

**With Blessing and Love, focus on desiring only the experience of the Self!**

**OM OM OM**

**H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha  
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## Left in Safety? or Abandoned?

Fawning season is upon us. And with it comes the question; what do I do if I find an abandoned fawn?

The quick answer is; **NOTHING**. Observe the fawn for signs of stress, but leave it alone - there's a very good chance the little one is **NOT** abandoned.

Does will hide their newborn fawns in tall grass or brush and move some distance away to feed to avoid drawing predators to their offspring. With the increase of deer in suburban areas, sometimes this happens right in our own yards. The fawn simply waits in hiding until its mother returns. So the fawn you have discovered 'abandoned' is probably **NOT**. Simply waiting for mom to return. Does will leave their fawns in this manner until they are old enough and strong enough to follow them on their feeding excursions.

### *What are the signs of stress? True abandonment?*

If you notice that a fawn is clearly injured or that it is near a dead adult doe, then it is acceptable to seek help. Another sign that a fawn may be in distress is their ears. If a fawn's ears are upright, the fawn is fine. But if the ears have a curl to the tops, the fawn has been alone for a longer period is becoming dehydrated.



*"Ears are straight, fawn is great. Ears are curled, fawn alone in the world."*

<https://blog.nwf.org/2015/04/finding-a-fawn-what-to-do/>

### Wildlife in Distress?

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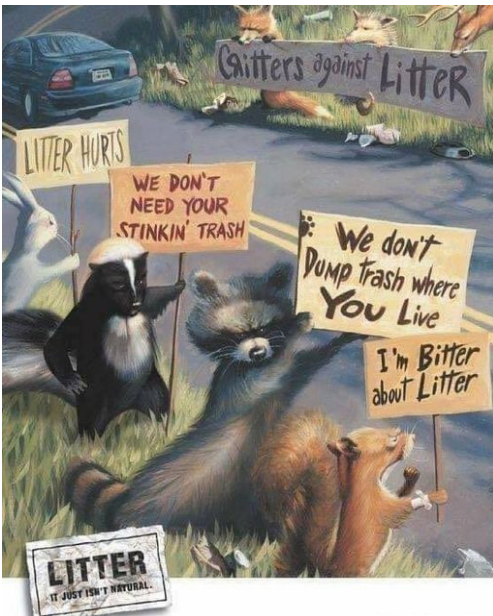


## CAMPING ETIQUETTE

It is that time of year again, when we all turn our eyes to the hills, in an attempt to get away from routine, recharge, and rest. It is such a privilege to be able to do that in our area! But our 'escape' comes with the responsibility to keep the area we visit undamaged. Some simple rules to follow:

- Keep to designated trails to protect the surrounding ecosystem
- Enjoy your camping stay for no more than 14 consecutive days
- Before leaving, return your site to the condition in which you found it
- **Do not cut trees** or remove wood from the site - bring sufficient firewood with you
- Do not light campfires during strong winds, keep campfires small (0.5 m x 0.5 m) and within campfire rings provided - while campfire is lit, keep eight litres of water and hand tools close by, do not leave campfires unattended - before leaving, extinguish fires and make sure campfire bed is cool to the touch
- Do not litter; not even organic matter, since this will attract wildlife - deposit garbage in containers if provided, or take it home with you - do not empty your holding tank or dump garbage in toilets
- Do not discharge firearms, bows, crossbows, or set traps
- Do not discharge fireworks

**Bottom line:** If you pack it in - pack it out!!! I have unfortunately found things like ziploc containers, beer cans and used toilet paper in the most remote areas and it is so unnecessary. Let's cherish this beautiful area we live in, teach your children, your friends, your family how to Camp Right. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/camping-hiking/sites-trails/planning/rules>



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*Rough winds do shake the darling  
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## **Seasonal Prohibition on Sale of Fireworks Starts in May in RDEK**

Starting in May, the sale of fireworks will be prohibited in the rural parts of the RDEK, one month later than originally proposed.

"Following the Board's decision in December to amend our Sale of Fireworks Bylaw to prohibit sales between April and November each year, we received input from both local businesses and a fireworks association regarding the impacts of an eight-month ban, particularly for those business who rely on fireworks sales," explains RDEK Board Chair Rob Gay. "We heard their concerns and went back to assess when we have had fires in our region as a result of fireworks."

While there have been fireworks-related fires and a concentration of complaints associated with fireworks between May and September of each year, there have not been fires in the past few years in April, October and November as a result of fireworks use. "This new bylaw amendment on the sale of fireworks will provide local retailers with three additional months to sell their products during a time of low risk," adds Gay.

As a regional district, the RDEK is not able to regulate the use of fireworks as a municipality might; however, that will still be governed by the Provincial restrictions, which prohibits the use of fireworks anytime there is a Category 2 Open Burning Ban in place. "What that means is that if we have an unusually hot, dry fall where there is a risk of wildfire later into the season, provincial bans would likely be in place that would mitigate the risk of wildfire due to fireworks in those circumstances," adds Gay.

The latest bylaw amendment prohibits the sale and disposition of fireworks between May 1 and October 1 and will apply to any person or business within rural Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F and G.



### **FireSmart BC Virtual Symposium**

Join us on May 26th for our inaugural symposium to learn about the future of FireSmart in BC and across the country, hear our live panel share FireSmart community success stories, and much more, including: Prescribed Fire, Climate Change, WUI Risk, Rebate Program, and Home Partners.

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<https://firesmartbc.ca/virtual-symposium/>

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

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# FIRE in Wasa!

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The people listed are members of the  
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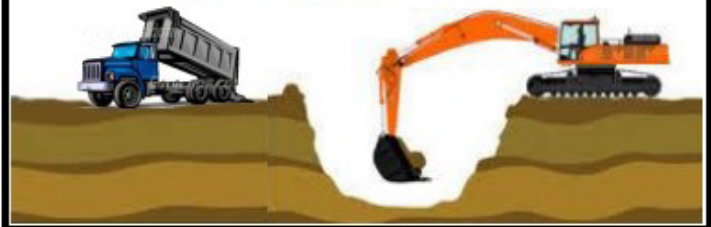
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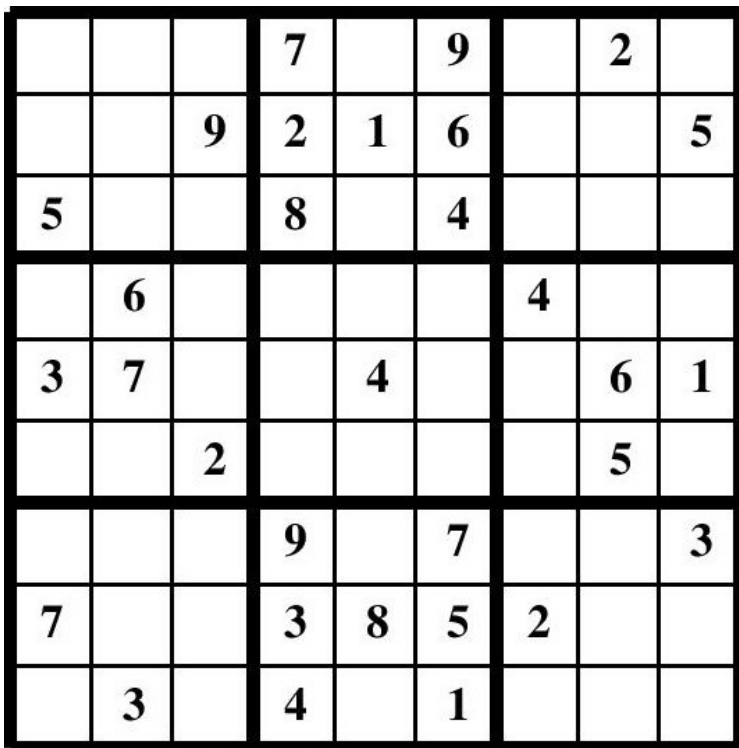
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The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund-raising, volunteering and rentals, we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

- **Hall Rentals and Information:** Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
- **Gym:** Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or Rod 250.422.3253
- **TOPS:** Susan 778.524.0012
- **Library:** Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
- **Quilter's Club:** Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- Please note: all Hall activities & clubs are cancelled until further notice, due to covid restrictions.





What do you call a magic dog? A Labracadabrador  
 What do you call a dinosaur that crashes his car? Tyrannosaurus Wrecks.



## Spring Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words about Spring...



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submitted by Judy McPhee

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**GYM HOURS AND INFO**

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*We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you  
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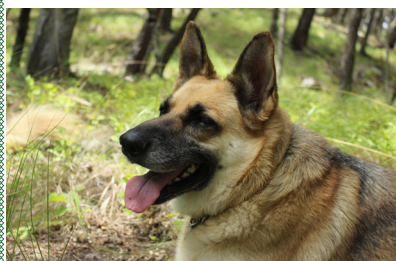


## and their place in our hearts .....

I would like to revive an old favourite!  
Send me pics of your 'fur babies' and a bit of a  
story of how they came to be in your heart.



Zoe came to us a little over a year ago from a family who couldn't find a pet-friendly rental and ended up surrendering their dogs. It was a rough start; both she and Sophie wanted to be 'alpha' - and they still occasionally give each other the 'eyeball', lol. She latched onto Barry like white on rice and follows him EVERYWHERE! She is such a gentle soul and wants desperately to be Moscato's playmate. The jury is still out with Moscato - though I see the awesome potential for the two of them to become great buddies.



# May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>WLLID mtg</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Church 10:30 am 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Wasa clean up</b>
<b>16</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 / 30</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>24 / 31</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 

## LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 am    Lions 7 pm  
 Rec Society 7 pm    Quilters 10 - 4  
 Library; tuesdays 11 - 1    Bingo 6:30 pm  
 Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm  
 Tops; friday 9 am

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## and Days Down the Road

- May 6th, WLLID meeting 7 pm
- May 15th, Wasa Lake Park Drive garbage clean up
- May 26th FireSmart presentation
- No BINGO until further notice
- No Yoga until further notice
- No Quilter's Meeting until further notice

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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