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WASA Survey and Background 2017- 2021

Wasa Awareness Safety Advocates (WASA) are a group of volunteers seeking public input on safety issues in Wasa Lake. ***The survey distributed in the May BUZZ is NOT an attempt to stop motorboats or seadoos/jetskis from operating in any area of Wasa Lake.*** WASA volunteers apologize that the survey went out without this background, as we missed the May Buzz deadline for articles. Sincere apologies for any confusion this caused. ***This survey is an opportunity to privately express your opinion.*** The intention of this survey is to determine the level of public support for the potential to request a speed zone limit in the North Bay and Ida's Bay of Wasa Lake. This is comparable to a playground speed limit area. Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety refers to a speed limit as a Vehicle Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR). ***Only if these preliminary survey results and future consultations, (when Covid restrictions allow) indicate support for a speed limit in the North Bay, would local government officials then be requested to apply for a VORR.*** This complicated process takes 3-4 years.

Within days of the survey distribution in the May BUZZ, completed surveys in the box at the post office were stolen. If you completed a survey and put it in the collection box at the post office, please do it again. Many blank survey forms were removed from the BUZZ, denying other's right to express their opinion. WASA received emails with questions and comments about the survey. In response, a Q&A meeting was organized when our RDEK representative was available (outdoors with only 10 persons in compliance with Covid restrictions). ***Here are answers to some questions WASA volunteers answered at that meeting.***

***Why is anyone concerned about safety in Wasa Lake?
Why are the North Bay and Ida's Bay being considered for a potential speed zone?***

One person has been killed by a motorboat incident in Wasa Lake; at least one other badly injured. Many near misses between non-motorized and motorized users have been reported. On a busy summer day, there can be 20 motorboats and many seadoos/jetskis, utilizing this 1.1 sq. km lake. Some residents believe there is an urgent need to make an area of Wasa Lake safer for swimmers and paddlers to avoid further deaths or injuries in Wasa Lake.

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WHEN THE MOON HITS YOUR EYE

submitted by Barry Morvai

Hello and good day to all you village people. Has it been 6 months already? Seems like only yesterday, I was talking about January's moon. Time fly's when you're having fun, I guess.

I know a lot of people would like to get back out there and travel, but are not taking any chances due to the circumstances that surround us. Having said that, for those of you that are relaxing in your easy chair, or sitting at the kitchen table enjoying that morning cup o' joe we have already travelled a couple hundred thousand kilometers.



Let me explain.....the earth spins at 1600km/hr.(good thing for gravity eh?) so we don't notice its rotation, aside from the sun going up and down like a yellow rubber ball lol. The distance to the sun is around 150 million km's, so our orbit around the sun is approximately 970 million km's, which takes 365 days, or 107 million km/hr feeling exhausted yet? Wait!! There's more our little solar system is also moving. It is estimated it takes us 225 million yrs to make 1 galactic orbit around our milky way galaxy, at a speed of 792,000 km/hr. Since the formation of

our solar system, we have made this orbit 20 times ready for a nap now?? I know I'm exhausted.....so what does all this have to do with the moon, you ask? Not a thing its just along for the ride. 😊

Lets see what's happening with the night sky for June, shall we:

June 10: New moon, good time to view faint objects in the night sky.

There is also an Annular solar eclipse, but will only be visible in northern Canada.

June 21: Solstice. The sun will have reached its northern most position directly over the Tropic of Cancer and will start migrating south after this day.

June 24: Full moon. This is also the last Supermoon of the year. Other names for this moon include "strawberry moon" (wild strawberries were ripe for the picking), Rose moon, Hot moon, and the Anglo-Saxon, Mead moon, which was time for mowing the meads or meadows.

So get out there and enjoy some ripe strawberries or mowing your meads until next time



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.

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- In addition, BINGOs are held the 2nd tuesday of the month - 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. & regular at 6:45 p.m.
- TKC coffee is held the 2nd wednesday of each month



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During this period of time when there is the possibility of Covid entering our community, the library will be open

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PLEASE PHONE Marg Burrin for an appointment. 250-422-3565

Thank you

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submitted by Judy McPhee

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ing items that could float off as the lake rises, sump pumps are readied, and culverts have been cleared.

I am writing this on a hot mid-May day and it is a joy to be down on the lake and the loudest noises that can be heard are children laughing and screaming with joy. It is also uplifting seeing the osprey catching fish, eagles perching in the neighbour's tree and a loon on the lake while people paddle by. So special to be able to live here to enjoy these things.

WLLID have received input from a few members of the community who were upset by the Wasa Area Safety Advocates (WASA) survey. We have had our integrity as custodians of WLLID taxpayers' moneys questioned and a conflict of interest has been suggested. These are serious allegations and we trustees take our fiduciary duty to WLLID taxpayers very seriously and strive to be transparent about any potential conflicts of interest (a topic that was on the agenda of our last two meeting prior to the survey brouhaha). We are preparing a response to these allegations and are confident that the questioning parties will be reassured by our documentation of our actions.

Tax notices will be mailed out this month, along with brochures to all lakeside landowners detailing best management practices for lakeside living. Trustees and their families got their work gloves on and cleaned up Wasa Lake Park Drive last month. We also tuned up a depth gauge on the lake and Kootenay River. A few trustees attended a BC Lake Stewardship Society webinar and were perplexed to find out the destruction that wake boats can cause to the lake ecosystem. Based on two scientific studies, these boats disturb lake bottoms to a depth of 8 meters (about 90% of Wasa Lake is less than 8 m deep). Learn more at <https://www.bclss.org/news/wake-boats-on-small-interior-lakes-and-rivers>.

Enjoy the warming weather and rising lake!

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- All users must sign in with date and time
- All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign in desk
- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" – no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- Have fun and be safe!



GYM HOURS AND INFO



We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.

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This tax can only be used for insurance bills, utilities, and maintenance of the current facilities. The facilities include the Hall, the Lion's Trail, skating rink, ball diamond, the outdoor kitchen, washrooms, garage and the other buildings on the Lion's grounds.

The committee that has been meeting and having many discussions about their needs, to keep their facilities viable. Remember that even if this Facility Tax is supported both groups will still have to do fundraising.

The process that the committee has asked the RDEK to use is the *Alternative Approval Process* (AAP). The RDEK is planning to hold the AAP in September, they will be sending out information during the summer.

The AAP would determine if there is electoral approval is sufficient to establish the Wasa Community Facilities Service to tax for the ongoing operation of the community facilities named in the brochure that has been distributed to the residents earlier.

The AAP is a process whereby the electors have an opportunity to petition against establishing the service. If 10% of electors petition against the service the matter either dies or goes to a full referendum.

If anyone has concerns or questions about the facility Tax please call me or email me.

I will also be attending the Wasa Recs plant sale on May 29. If you would rather speak to me there, remember we will be following covid distance rules.

Next month I will be writing about the Grant - In - Aid process. I have been receiving some questions about the process.

I hope everyone has a safe month. Remember to keep your property clean of combustible material. Also remember that we could have highwater again so make sure everything is cleaned up and secure. My phone number is 250-427-2577; my email is s.janewalter@gmail.com

Thanks, Jane Walter

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Wasa Community Church

I have those old hymn lyrics ringing through my mind right now: "Take it to the Lord in prayer." I feel as though so often we forget to pray. There's so much going on around the world, and there may be a lot going on in our personal lives as well. We may be struggling or we may know others who are really struggling. Sometimes we want things to stop. We can pray about that. Sometimes we want things to happen. We can pray about that as well. Perhaps we are discouraged that our prayers don't seem to be heard or answered, and depending on the circumstances, that can certainly be devastating. There may be instances where God takes His time to answer. There may be instances where He doesn't answer. Even Jesus had a prayer that was never granted. In the Garden of Gethsemane, on the night before His crucifixion, so full of stress and anguish that He began to sweat blood, He prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). He prayed that He wouldn't have to suffer the agony of being crucified, but as we know, He still ended up on the cross. There are times where prayers don't get answered even for the most godly of people. However, even though it may take time to see results, or even though we may never see them, we shouldn't stop praying for things. All around us, there are so many things happening that could use our prayers. There are so many people who need our prayers. I just hope that we don't forget to lift them up in prayer to the Lord when we see their circumstances. It's always worthwhile to ask the All-Powerful God who is unlimited in what He can accomplish to meet our needs.

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

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, 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!

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Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

May was a **BUSY** month. The cedar benches required refinishing – Mernie Plestead did an amazing job. Thank you Mernie and his dismantle/mantle helpers Charlie Vereshagen and Ron Hrisook. Jeanette Abbot did her annual spring clean on the columbariums. Big job – thank you Jeanette.

Stan Kneller and JC McPhee got our water system up and running. Without the water system supplied by the Lions and JC's knowledge of the irrigation system we would have a very dry garden.

EXCITING addition to our GARDEN.



We were fortunate to receive a grant from the RDEK to have an information sign to show location of the garden built. Steve and his crew from the Wasa Hardware built and installed the sign. Great job Wasa Hardware & Building Centre.

If interested in volunteering at the garden please contact

Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 © or email
slshields27@gmail.com.

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WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION & SUPPRESSION

submitted by Kathy McCauley

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This is the time of the year to start working to reduce the wildfire hazard around your home and we have 2 deals to help you out!

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The second deal is the opportunity to purchase a WASP Gutter-mounted Sprinkler kit at a reduced price through our bulk purchasing program. The purpose of the sprinklers is to wet down the roof of your house and surrounding area if wildfire occurs nearby. These roof or gutter mounted sprinklers provide a 360 degree continuous spray within a 10 metre radius of your home, thereby preventing it from igniting from flying embers. But there's a catch to this deal too...we have to have a minimum number of orders to get the best price. If you're interested, email kathyemccauley@gmail.com

Stepping away:

I have been involved with the WASA (Wasa Awareness Safety Advocates) since it's beginning in 2017.

Some recent events surrounding the survey that came out in the May Buzz are causing considerable stress, not least of which are accusations of conflict of interest aimed at the WLLID. Tom Braumandi is a newly elected trustee and my life partner. I would not want my affiliation with WASA to compromise his position on the board and his contributions to this community in any way.

Although I agree with the goals of the WASA group, I feel it is necessary that I step away from this group at this time.

I wish the remaining members all the best and hope that more supporters from the community will come forward to help them make Wasa safer.

Sincerely, Jocelyne Martin



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***Who are the WASA volunteers and what do they do?
Why do their names not appear on the survey?***

The goal of Wasa Area Safety Advocates (WASA) volunteers is to ensure that there is a safe area in Wasa Lake for swimmers and paddlers. In May 2017, a well-attended public meeting chaired by our RDEK representative addressed Wasa boating safety issues. Some volunteers came forward and formed WASA. The group of volunteers fluctuates according to individual time constraints and availability. Since 2017, WASA volunteers have obtained boating safety signage and buoys. WASA received some support from RDEK, WLLID, BC Parks, RCMP and Conservation Officers. Due to the obvious contentiousness of this topic in our small community, and to not influence survey results, the names of WASA volunteers are not published with the survey.

Are the buoys and signs legal?

Yes, WASA consulted with Transport Canada Office of Boating safety for guidance on methods to increase safety. It was suggested that signs be erected at public boat launches to ensure all users are aware of **existing safety regulations, including the existing Federal regulation of 10 km/hr speed limit zone within 30 metres of shore in all Canadian waters.** It was also suggested that buoys in the congested North Bay area be installed, as per existing federal regulations. These guidelines were followed exactly as prescribed by Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety. Some residents of the North Bay area voluntarily install and remove the buoys according to regulations, each year. ***The buoys and signs serve as reminders of existing Federal Transport Canada Boating Safety Regulations.*** These steps have increased awareness of existing safety regulations, however safety concerns still exist.

Is the survey legal?

Yes. It is legal to ask for public opinion. This survey is anonymous, voluntary and asks for no personal identification. In fact, the survey is one of the many requirements of Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety to determine if there is support for a VORR. This survey was modelled after a survey done in another small BC community, as suggested by Transport Canada Boating Safety.

How will we ensure each person completes only one survey?

We acknowledge that it is difficult to trust the process after the disappointing sabotage of previously completed surveys. Any person who frequently uses the lake is asked to please complete one survey only. Surveys from the May and June Buzz have the same questions. Either survey form is acceptable. Email Wasalakesafety@gmail.com if you need a paper copy.

PLEASE Complete ONLY ONE Survey per Frequent User of Wasa Lake!

A paper survey can be returned at the Wasa Post Office (pre-paid envelopes are supplied there). Or complete an online survey until July 15, 2021 at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVF8VSZ>

Editor's Note:

Tampering with surveys is an illegal act. If caught, you can be charged. We are a small community, and the level of bullying seen recently is surprising and horrific. Every one is entitled to their own opinion. ***Without fear of reprisal.*** Fill out your survey copy and let democracy take its course.



The dangers of victimization and denunciation

We live in a society in which the emotional individualistic reasoning prevails over the rational. It is impossible to be rational when one is emotional because emotions are the result of one's past and always deform and falsify the reality of the present through a process of individual and personal projection. Because of the damaging prevalence of emotions over rationality, there now exists a widely promoted victim position that is spread everywhere with an undisguised call for denunciation of anyone under any pretext. It has gone so far that no one can say anything anymore under penalty of being accused of violating human rights. It is not only happening in the adult world but also in children's world since children are not considered as "children" anymore but as "young adults". So, for example, nowadays it is not uncommon when a child doesn't do his homework and the teacher asks for it to be done, that the teacher is accused of "hurting" the child's feelings and risks being blamed for it.

By fostering a world based upon the promotion of personal emotions, our society has been fractioned into a more and more individualistic and egoistic value of: "me and my emotions above all!" The cult of "the victim" has created the force of minorities over the majority, which tends to drive the society and its new laws into individual rights, gradually destroying collective interests, collective rights and collective values. All minorities, more and more numerous, in an increasingly fractioned society, are getting involved and use this supposed oppression to demand new rights but also to find excuses for their failures. Very convenient: I was refused a credit, I did not pass

my exam to certain school, I cannot break into the song or cinema industry; it's because I belong to a minority. It is now quite common that to obtain social assistance, training assistance, or to make oneself known as an artist, it is more and more often advantageous to display oneself as an "oppressed" and noisy minority, because it attracts the media and softens the righteous. There are now victimization professionals living on the idea of racism, grossophobia, homophobia, etc. and that is the basis of their business; the more victimization of minorities, the more money they make.

Naturally, the right of respect and freedom, which already exists today, has an even more important value, but minorities should not be vindictive and individualistic to such extent. It is indeed a good thing that everyone can be confident and not discriminated against in their intimate identity. But from this legitimate will, we have moved to a permanent and almost proselytizing claim (*in the sense that victimization would have become a kind of religion*). Until now, have we prevented Mark Twain, Victor Hugo, Yves Saint Laurent, Manu Dibango, Duke Ellington, Elton John, Barak Obama or Marlene Dietrich from making a career? A competent person always finds their way to light.

Here, I am talking about the danger of having a taste for victimization and denunciation, because it seems that it is also a source of pleasure and revenge for self-proclaimed victims, which make resentment and suspicion grow between people. Are we not all victim of something at some level? Should we all become informers and accusers for any good or bad reason? Have you ever made someone suffer in your life?

The suffering of the victim and his

desire for revenge must be dissociated from the facts in order to find a just, harmonious and equitable solution to any situation. We are, before all, the karmic victims of our own unconscious emotions; we suffer only because of them. Therefore, we are responsible for our emotions and it is our own duty to recognize them and neutralize them in order to remain clear and peaceful, especially in challenging situations. The full Awareness of the Self as Consciousness is deprived of emotions and always only allows for a non-deformed perception of facts. This is an important part of our Integral Yoga Practice and it greatly helps in dealing with daily situations with pragmatism and logic in order to remain fair and honest in our interactions with others. In the Sacred Hindu Book the Bhagavad Gita, it is said that the more one feels like a victim, the more one attracts an executioner. We need to free ourselves from all past in order to be free and happy in the present.

I will conclude this article with a quote from Mr. Philippe Val, former director of the publication of *Charlie Hebdo*, under the blow of a "fatwa" (Muslim accusation and condemnation), who now lives cloistered and under heavy police protection in Paris, France: ***"It is a human strangeness that so many people fight against what they love in the name of what they hate, instead of fighting against what they hate in the name of what they love."***

The concept of "the victim" only exists in the past and only refers to the past, but the Ultimate True Self dwells in the sole present that exists free from any past or future.

Warmly with each of you in the Divine.
OM OM OM

H. H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram



The Lions Den

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

submitted by Terry Marvel



A huge shout out to the Wasa Lion's members and the volunteers from the community that showed up to help with the replacement of the roof on the Wasa Lion's kitchen eating area. Many hands made for a short day to complete the project.

Special thanks to Liz Potter for the delicious sandwiches and goodies and to Val Dmitry for the cookies etc. Hard workers need nourishment! And thanks to Lion Marilyn for taking pictures and refreshments.

The Lion's are not doing much in the way of anything fundraising at the moment, but we try to hold a monthly meeting. There may be a few more tickets for the gourmet meal to be hosted at Lion Jack's in August, but hurry. There are very few tickets left. And contact Lion Sharon if you think you might need something from the Lion's Garage Sale building. There are treasures galore there!

Let's hope a little normalcy will return to us all after the vaccinations are all done.

Here's hoping we all have a great spring and early summer. May your gardens return to you a hundredfold.



Welcome Neighbours & Visitors

**Groceries
Ice Cream
Fast Food**

**Cold Beer
Wine & Spirits
Lotto!**

Wasa Lake Gas & Food

250.422.9271

Groceries → Ice Cream → Fast Food

Cold Beer → Wine & Spirits

Recreational Gear

Lotto → ATM

Gas & Diesel → Propane

Wash Bay

Open Daily

Contact store for hours

WLLID Adopt A Highway

May 15 2021

Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) trustees, staff, and families spent several hours in the sunshine cleaning up the ditches all along Wasa Lake Park Drive on Saturday May 15.



Sometimes we expect more from others than we get, because we'd be willing to do that much for them. Keep giving because it makes you feel good, not because you need them to give back. In the end, it is the giver that gets the biggest gift of all.
-Lisa Prosen


www.MyRenewedMind.org



WHO DO YOU CALL?

In a fire emergency, first call BC Wildfire
1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

**Then call these Wasa volunteers until
someone answers.**

Mike Gall 250-417-9422
Lyle Zaksauskas 250-421-2650
Bill Walkley 250-427-1049
Sharon Prinz 250-417-7654
Darcy Tagg 250-417-6617
Kathy McCauley 250-427-6637
Debbie Waterer 250-426-9791

The people listed are members of the
Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and
Suppression committee. In the event of
fire, they will arrange to activate the
community fire suppression trailer and call
others with water trailers to help.

***The aim is to prevent fire from spreading,
NOT to put out house fires.***



**Only available
April 15 2021 to October 15, 2021**

Yard Sale
Fundraiser for the Wasa Community Hall
Saturday, May 29. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Outside Wasa Community Hall
All funds raised will go to support the Wasa
Community Hall operation costs.
If you wish to donate any items, they can
be dropped off at the Community Hall on
Friday, May 28.
Contact: Karen Markus 250 422-3514
Please be aware of the current BC Health
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WASA ROADSIDE CHIPPER DAY

JUNE 3 2021

Changes within 10 m of your house have the biggest impact in reducing fire hazard

Over half of all homes destroyed by wildfire are ignited by flying embers that land on combustibles like dry pine needles, firewood piles, bark mulch, and coniferous trees and shrubs near your house. We don't want to get rid of all those beautiful trees, but we can significantly reduce the fire hazard by removing debris from the ground, spacing trees at least 3 m apart, and removing branches within 2 m of the ground. Clean up your yard and we will provide free chipping and hauling! Register before May 31st 2021.



Event brought to you by
Regional District of East Kootenay and **WASA VOLUNTEER**
FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION www.wasafire.weebly.com

Chipper Dos and Don'ts

Pile your woody materials at the end of your driveway to allow easy access for the chipper. Stack materials neatly, thickest cut end towards the road. Do not tie or bundle anything.

Do not put out construction materials, root balls, pine needles, wood chips, or any type of treated wood products


Woody materials must be maximum of 6" diameter

**FOR MORE INFO AND
REGISTRATION**


Email
kathyemccauley@gmail.com



Many of you have a story, adventure or life story about people you know in our area, that happened in years past and you are eager to share, so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250.422.3766 or email me at -- judymcph9@gmail.com



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**LANTZ
FARMS**



EVENT Update as of May 15, 2021

The 2021 Wasa Triathlon has been postponed from original June dates to August 14-15, 2021.

Note: The event will only take place if the BC Provincial Health Order reduces restrictions to allow events to operate.

We appreciate BC Parks and EK Parks for their support and understanding of the impacts Covid-19 has had on the Wasa Triathlon. BC Parks has approved the revised dates for 2021, as long as events are permitted by the PHO at that time. We are aware the new 2021 date may create challenges for BC Parks and the community, being in the peak of their busy season, we will work to minimize the events impact. A Covid Safety Plan will be in place following all guidelines of the BC PHO restrictions. This safety plan will be enforced to maximize safety of staff, participants, volunteers, services and the local community.

A special 'Thank you' to the Wasa Community and volunteers (special 'Thank you to the Wasa Lions Club volunteers) for the years of support at the Wasa Triathlon. The event has a great reputation of having high standards and seen as a family event, drawing many from out of town for close to 20 years. Wasa Lake and area is not just seen as a beautiful place to bring their families and friends to visit but also as a welcoming community.

A few adaptations you will see for the August 2021 event:

- All events will be divided into 'WAVES' (small groups based on PHO requirements).
- Reduced number of participants.
- Reduced contact between participants and volunteers/staff.
- Meals served offsite to reduce gathering (served as To-Go).
- No awards ceremony.
- Sprint distance events will be held Saturday AM.
- Trikids event moved to Saturday afternoon.
- Standard distance events will be held Sunday AM.
- Swim course moved to North end of lake to reduce impact on recreational activity.
- Race-bag pick up Thursday and Friday in Cranbrook.
- Spectators – may not be permitted under the PHO.
- Volunteers – safety guidelines will be in place.
- Masks will likely be expected by PHO order, to be worn by all volunteers/staff/services/participants (except while racing).
- Trikids supported more by a parent vs volunteers.

For more information go to www.rmevents.com/triathlon/

June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5  |
| 6 Church 10:30 am | 7 | 8  | 9 | 10  | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Church 10:30 am | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  | 18  Ugliest Dog Day | 19 |
| 20 Church 10:30 am  | 21 | 22 | 23  | 24  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Church 10:30 am | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

M's Interiors WINDOW TREATMENTS

- VERTICALS
- SOLAR SHADES
- ROLLER SHADES
- HORIZONTALS
- CELLULAR (INCLUDING BLACKOUT)
- TRANSITION SHADES



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July 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 18 Church 10:30 am | 19  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  | 24 |
| 25 Church 10:30 am | 26 | 27 | 28  | 29 | 30 | 31  |

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

A few of you may be wondering at the sparse content of this month's Buzz. It is a reflection of how desperately we need the community to step forward with articles, ideas, submissions - and what the Buzz would look like if I did not step in to fill in the many gaps. It is not meant to trigger guilt trips, but an honest appeal to the many gifted individuals in our community to consider pitching in to keep our Buzz a vibrant, interesting, informative part of the Tri-Village area.

Many hands make light work.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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