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## 10 Ways to Honor Our Veterans

There is not enough room in this Newsletter to list all of the reasons we have to be thankful for our Veterans. No matter where you live or how much time you have to dedicate, there are a multitude of ways to honor a veteran — whether a loved one or stranger.

### Say "thank you!"

If you personally know a veteran, whether they live close by or states away, make an effort to simply say "thank you!"

### Write an old-fashioned letter or send a care package

Looking for something a little more personal than a text or email? Send a veteran a handwritten letter or care package with a small gift and some of their favorite snacks.

### Treat a veteran to a meal

Inviting a veteran to a popular local restaurant or cozy coffeehouse is guaranteed to make their day. Prepare a few questions to ask about their time in the military. Being able to share their story may even be more meaningful than being treated to a meal.

### Offer to help with household chores

If you have even an hour to spare, offer to help a veteran with household tasks such as vacuuming, laundry or mowing the yard.

### Make a commitment to volunteer

The internet makes it easy to find meaningful volunteer opportunities. Find a hospital, charity or other organization that needs help near you.

### Donate to a cause that supports veterans

Even a small donation is money well spent when you're supporting our country's military and veterans.

### Invite a veteran to speak at your child's school

Many children don't fully understand the sacrifices veterans have made to protect us and our freedoms, but you can do something to change that. Ask your child's principal if they accept visiting speakers. If they do, invite a veteran to talk about their experiences or host a Q&A session at your child's school.

### Support veteran-owned companies

Find a veteran-owned company near you and pay them a visit today!

### Attend your local Veterans Day parade

Bring the whole family to your city's Veterans Day parade and show your support in person. Check with your local VA office for details about Veterans Day events and celebrations in your area.

### Make a pledge to remember their legacy

Honoring veterans can come in many forms. Fly a Canadian flag in front of your home, wear a red poppy or have a moment of silence and reflection.



**Flu Shots are Coming  
Wednesday**

**November 15, 2023  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Wasa Community Hall**

No need to register, just be at the hall  
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Contact: Karen Markus 250.422.3514

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## WLLID AGM

Due to the lack of quorum, the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) postponed its Annual General Meeting (AGM) from September to November 15 th .

The agenda, 2022 AGM minutes and financial statements can be found on the WLLID website – [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca).

At the AGM, results from the 2023 water season will be presented along with a report on algae growth and the Cameron Pond culvert clean out.

Three open Trustee positions have been filled by Phil Godsave, Larry Gould and Nowell Berg, who were all acclaimed to three year terms. Sharon Prinz and Darren Plested will return for the final year of their Board term. The WLLID Board would like to thank Tom Braumandl for his Board participation over the past 3-years.

We would also like to thank volunteers Lorraine, Jan and Becky for their hours of work testing the water for E. coli, dissolved oxygen and transparency. If you would like to help with monitoring the water to ensure a healthy lake, please email, see address below.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding WLLID, please email [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca).

See you at the AGM, November 15 th starting at 7pm at the Community Hall.

BC Algae Watch

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-quality/algae-watch/recognize-algae>

Your observation ID is AW5157. filamentous bloom - Oscillatoria

## Land For Sale in WASA BC

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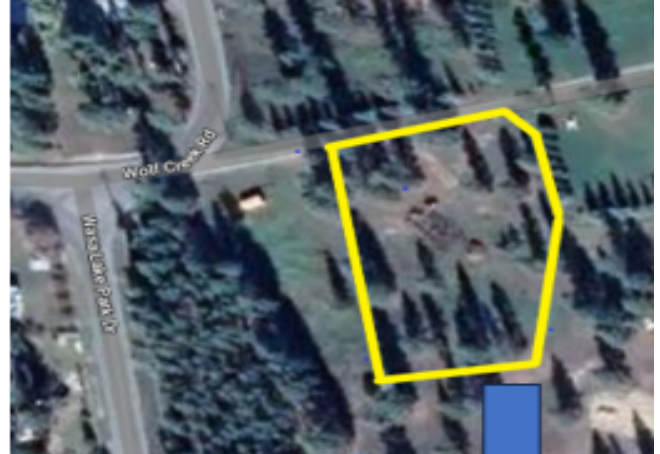
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# Lake Algae:

## The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

There's almost nothing more relaxing than sitting by the edge of a beautiful lake, watching the waterfowl drift serenely by, perhaps taking a swim or a boat ride, enjoying the peaceful lap of fresh water against the shore. However, when lake algae reaches nuisance levels, it can make a normally pleasant experience much less so.

We've probably all seen it - green scum, water that looks like pea soup, a funky smell to a usually clear and beautiful lake. What happened? Probably an algae bloom. The presence of algae in a lake



is usually a good thing. Algae, or phytoplankton, form the basis of the food web and most other life in the lake depends on it for food, oxygen production, and nutrient cycling. However, too much algae, or too much of certain kinds of algae can be problematic. Algae blooms are not only unsightly and sometimes stinky, they can also deplete dissolved oxygen and cause fishkills, inhibit the growth of other plants by shading, clog intake pipes, and sometimes even release toxins into the water. Blue-green algae can be particularly bothersome since it tends to accumulate rapidly, produce toxins, and is generally less palatable to fish and zooplankton than other species of algae.

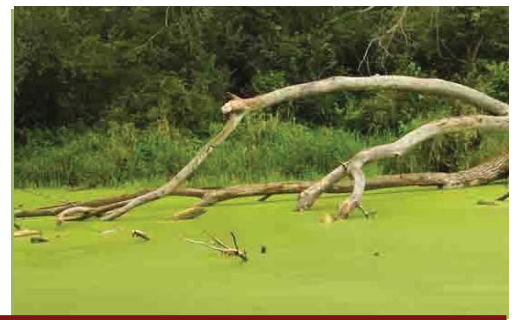
So what causes algae to proliferate to nuisance levels? In a nutshell, excessive nutrients. An excess of nutrients entering the lake from the surrounding watershed provides too much food for the algae,

allowing them to grow out of control. Typically people think of phosphorus as the nutrient that limits algae growth in lakes. However, nitrogen can also drive algae growth and in some lake systems is the primary source of nutrients for algae production.

One of the most common sources of nutrients in developed lakes is failing septic systems along the lake shore. Many lakeside communities are

familiar with this scenario: a lakeside cabin that has been used as a vacation home for decades is converted to year-round use. The septic system is either old and in need of repair, or not adequate to treat the increased flows. When lake shores become dotted with such homes, the result is untreated wastewater carrying nitrogen and phosphorus into the lake. Other nonpoint sources of nutrients to lakes are eroded lakeshores and streambanks, stormwater from developed areas, agriculture, and fertilizers or chemicals. Activities within a lake's watershed affect the nutrient levels in the lake, and can cause more problems than just algae blooms.

*Courtesy of Minnesota Environmental Partnership. For more information, visit [www.mepartnership.org](http://www.mepartnership.org)*



**What can you do to keep your lake free of nuisance algae and other lake problems? Here are some tips:**

### HAVE YOUR SEPTIC TANK PUMPED

and inspected at least every three years. Make sure it is pumped through the manhole of the tank. If there is a problem or failure, have it fixed. Sometimes a group of lakeside homeowners can get together and work out a deal with a sewage pumper or contractor to reduce some of the costs of pumping, inspections and repairs.

**USE LESS FERTILIZER** on your lawn. If you must fertilize, make sure you test your soil and use the proper amount. Don't fertilize within 48 hours before a rainstorm.

**INSTALL RAIN BARRELS** and rain gardens on your property to increase infiltration and reduce the amount of stormwater runoff entering the lake. This also serves to recharge the groundwater in your area.

**REPAIR ERODED SHORELINES**, driveways, or steep slopes on your property. When it rains, the bare soil carrying phosphorus particles is washed into the lake.

**ENCOURAGE LOCAL FARMERS** to practice agricultural best management practices (BMPs) to reduce runoff and nutrient contamination from their farms.

**ENCOURAGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES** to implement stormwater BMPs in their towns.

# Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Kate Kelly

With the garden now put to bed and fall just about in the rearview mirror, we begin to feel the colder days of winter soon upon us. It's nice to reflect on the beautiful autumn days that were. It's true that the Wasa Memorial Garden is a peaceful place to visit no matter the season. If you find yourself in the garden this month, take a moment to remember all those brave men & women and the ultimate sacrifice they made for our country our future. Remembrance Day - Saturday, 11 November.

A reminder that our District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group "membership" could still use some 'growth'. We kindly ask that Wasa residents (both recreational & permanent) to consider a \$5/ per person lifetime membership. Having a large 'membership' helps us apply for government grant monies which keep our garden looking great. Please contact Judy Reimer at [mjlreimer@shaw.ca](mailto:mjlreimer@shaw.ca) or by phone 250-422-3343 to join. Thank you for your consideration!

Volunteers are always welcome. If you enjoy gardening & have been looking for a way to meet neighbors in the community, please contact Sherry Shields at her email address: [slshields27@gmail.com](mailto:slshields27@gmail.com)

## KOOTENAY RIPPLES HISTORICAL BOOKS NOW SOLD-OUT



### Want to learn to Quilt?

Looking to advance your skills or learn a new one? Join the Wasa Country Quilters Group and learn with a talented group of quilters!

We meet every Tuesday from 10-4 in our own space in the basement of the hall. Drop in any Tuesday! We'd be more than happy to show you the endless possibilities in this creative atmosphere! No previous experience required.

Call Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095 for more information.

*No matter how much you push the envelope,  
it'll still be stationery.*



## 2023 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  
[pwalkey@shaw.ca](mailto:pwalkey@shaw.ca)



"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

I hope everyone has had a good month.

## Boating Survey:

I have received many emails from some of the property owners that boat on Wasa lake. Many of them felt that I did not have the right to initiate a boat survey I believe that I needed to do the inventory because none of the RDEK Directors live at the lake, and we have had two groups come to the Board with petitions asking the Board to rule on their requests. To do that we needed to have this information.

I have also been getting requests about the Native Milfoil. The WLLID did a project on the Milfoil at Wasa so I would advise these people to talk to a WLLID Board member.

I will share the results of the survey when it is completed.

Wasa and Area Lion's Christmas Dinner and Dance will be on December 2. I will be selling tickets at the hall during the morning of November 4. I hope everyone can come out for this event.

I hope everyone will have a great month. If you have any questions or concerns Please call me at 250-427-2577 or email me s.janewalter@gmail.com

Thank You, Jane Walter



## Are you interested in First Aid Training?

The Wasa Lions Club is sponsoring a 4 hour Basic First Aid CPR A Course for up to 10 community members. Date to be determined.

Contact 250 417-7654 for further information.

## Wasa Lions Grounds Rentals

Contact Person: Linda Gold @ 250 421-6302

### BOTTLE & CAN RECYCLING

Donate your Clean Liquor, Pop, Water, Milk & Juice Containers to the Wasa & District Lions Club

Support Local Scholarships & Lions Grounds Maintenance



## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

**Wasa Lions is a fun way to give back to your community.**

### It's About Fundraising

- Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance/Raffle
- Yard Sale/ Pancake Breakfasts
- Bottle Recycling
- Gran Fondo/ Triathlon
- Lions Grounds Rental



### It's About Giving

- Wasa Lions Path/Skating Rink
- Tennis & Basketball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Ball Diamond
- Scholarships
- We Care We Serve community funding
- Medical Loan Cupboard
- Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Recycling



### It's About Fun & Socializing

A Great Reason to become a Lion!  
For Information call 250 422-3210

The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events & recreation of the community. Thru fund-raising, volunteering & rentals, we're 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 & Information:

Karen Markus 250.422.3514 or  
Jane Gendron 250-421-2535

### Gym:

Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019 or  
Rod 250.422.3253

### TOPS:

Heidi Wright 250-919-3675

### Library:

Rose Smith 250-422-3088

### Quilter's Club:

Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095

# *Vendors Wanted*

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## *Christmas Arts & Craft Sale*

*Saturday November 25, 2023*

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*Wasa Community Church*

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## TOPS SPOT

submitted by - Nicky Popowich

Wasa TOPS Chapter have had a very busy year to date. We resumed our meetings, after a summer break. In September we took over the concession for the Bingos. (We hope you are enjoying our offerings.) Presently we are having a friendly, in house contest to make some progress on our goals before Christmas time. Some of our members are doing a virtual walk of the Camino de Santiago Trail as an added challenge. We are striving to walk a 175 mile leg of the trail.

Just before Thanksgiving we went away for a one day retreat. This was a marvellous time of getting to know each other better. We learned a lot about the TOPS exchange program. Our meals were based on the exchanges, so we came away with some great ideas. And the laughs and the fun that we had, oh my! This was an excellent motivational day. We hope to have more get togethers like this throughout the year.

Christmas is in a few weeks. Let me ask you a question. What would it be like to go into the holiday season a little bit lighter and a little bit healthier instead of putting off your health goals until after the holiday?

Wasa's TOPS Chapter is such a wonderful place to pause in your busy week for an hour. At a TOPS meeting we share ideas about the joys and struggles and successes of the week. We all know that Christmas comes on the same day every year and that there will be food. We swap our tips and strategies with each other to keep Christmas healthy and delicious but still within the Food Exchange.

Learning to take those special foods off a pedestal and lessen their hold over each of us is such a valuable tool to have. Is it shortbread or eggnog? After all, it's so foolish and self destructive to be "good" all year and then be "bad" and gain five pounds or more over Christmas. With planning and care it's easily possible to be true to your desired goals. We know there is no good or bad when it comes to food. It is just food.

We meet on Fridays in the Hall. If you are starting to get into a pre-Christmas frenzy, full of self-doubt and food frustration why don't you come and join us? We know the struggle is real.

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### **Understanding green waters**

#### ***Sqwá First Nation looks to water quality monitoring***

Living Lakes Canada's Sophie Gonthier delivers training on the Hope Slough. Thick with algae and nearly as green as the vegetation growing



along its shoreline, the Hope Slough, also called the Hope River, creeps through the City of Chilliwack and into the Fraser River. Historically, the Hope Slough supported a biodiverse and healthy eco-system before algae

choked its waters. A recent water quality monitoring training equipped members of the Squwá (Skwah) First Nation to better un-

derstand the state of this river with future restoration efforts in mind.

In mid-August, Living Lakes Canada, in collaboration with the British Columbia Lakes Stewardship Society (BCLSS), delivered a three-day training to Squwá First Nation youth and community members on how to evaluate freshwater health. Along the banks of the Hope Slough, nine youth and two adults gathered to learn about the value of water quality monitoring and gain hands-on experience with monitoring equipment.

Taking into account the participants' passion for fish, the workshop integrated conversations on what good quality fish habitat looks like and how water quality monitoring can track important parameters for healthy fish populations. The group gathered water samples and tested for dissolved oxygen and water temperature (both critical for fish health), as well as pH and conductivity. Participants also practised recording data and field notes – an important part of tracking water quality changes over time.

<https://livinglakescanada.ca/2023/10/03/understanding-green-waters/>

# WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday November 15 at 7 pm

### WASA COMMUNITY HALL

#### Purpose of Annual General Meeting

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to provide an opportunity for the board to present audited financial statements and report on the activities of the past year, and for landowners to discuss activities and ask questions. There will not be an election of trustees as the three names brought forward in September were accepted in by acclamation.

The agenda and financial statements will be available at [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca) prior to the meeting. For more information, please contact [admin@wasalake.ca](mailto:admin@wasalake.ca)

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

Margaret Mead

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better. It's not.*

Dr. Seuss





## Wasa Community Church

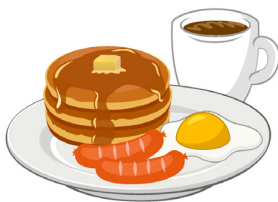
God-given visions experienced and recorded by Zechariah fill the pages near the end of the Old Testament. The prophet's fourth is one of the most overwhelming portions of Scripture, especially for those who may doubt their salvation or the love that God has for them. Genuine faith in Christ's Lordship, in His death for the sins we're guilty of, and in His resurrection is all that's required of us in terms of being allowed into heaven. Our good deeds are the by-products of salvation, not the requirement. The apostle Paul puts it like this: ***"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— not from works, so that no one can boast"*** (Ephesians 2:8-9 CSB). In basic terms, "You don't save yourself. God graciously saves you when you actually believe Him." However, it's so common to feel this sense of, "I couldn't have done enough to secure my spot in heaven. I have to work harder!" While it's true that we should work hard for the Lord, giving Him our all, we have to realize that that's not how God determines who's in. The devil often does a good job at discouraging us with lines like, "You're not good enough. Why would God let you in?"

In his fourth vision, Zechariah sees someone familiar. The high priest of his day, Joshua, takes centre stage. ***"Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him"*** (Zechariah 3:1 ESV). The devil is trying to insert his little drops of poison thought into Joshua's mind: "How are you the high priest? You are so unworthy! You are not good enough!" There's a dash of truth in that. It's uncommon for Satan to spew pure lies. He likes his strategic half-truths. Joshua wasn't good enough for the high priest job, just like we aren't good enough to get ourselves to heaven. What Satan downplays, however, is the work of God. ***"And the Lord said to Satan, 'The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?'"*** Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. And the angel said to those who were standing before him, ***"Remove the filthy garments from him."*** And to him he said, ***"Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments"*** (Zechariah 3:2-4 ESV). Our works are nothing to boast about. They can't get us to heaven. Only Christ's life was perfect enough for that, and through faith, His pure righteousness now covers you. Therefore, if you find yourself questioning your security, remember that it doesn't rest in the hands of those of make mistakes like us. We'd lose our salvation in minutes if we had to work to keep it up. Instead, it rests in the hands of a faithful, all-powerful God. He's got you covered.

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

## Another successful summer for the Wasa Country Breakfast.

### We served 2,717 breakfasts!



THANK YOU to all that attended and supported this fundraiser for our local community groups. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I would like to give a big Thank You to our morning music entertainers who volunteered their musical talents to the morning breakfasts.

How fun was that!

Thank you Judy Grant, Jon Bisset, and Dwane Vogel.

Hope to see you next year.



Breakfast Team

Karen Markus, Jim Hill, Marilyn Bowen, Jane Gendron

## Why is there a security warning on wasalake.com?

submitted by - Clay Tippet

The website wasalake.com has the current and back issues of the Buzz going back to 2011. Some people may be reluctant to visit the site because of a security warning when you try to go there.

Google inserts a pop-up page saying in bold type: "The connection to www.wasalake.com is not secure. You are seeing this warning because this site does not support HTTPS." To continue to the site you then have to click a box to keep going or an already highlighted one to go back. Google then puts a triangle with an explanation mark and the words "not secure" in the address bar. Bing, Microsoft's search engine, just goes directly to the site, but puts the triangle/"not secure" note beside the address in the address bar.

The warning is accurate. Our full address is [www.http://www.wasalake.com](http://www.wasalake.com) but most web browsers now require you to enter only the part after the www, so as a result you don't automatically know the security level of the site, hence the warning.

We use the vanilla http format, which is not secure for financial transactions. Financial sites, like your bank, start with https, the "s" meaning it's secure for financial transactions as the format uses encryption and verification. As the shortened address became common, lawyers for the search engines probably told them to create a warning about the difference. Unfortunately the alarm was not accompanied by an explanation, no doubt resulting in people avoiding perfectly usable sites they had visited for years.

Our website wasalake.com doesn't want your money, so it's quite safe for simply reading the Buzz.

### HELP STARTS HERE ...



**VICTIM SERVICES**  
**250-427-5621**  
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**Tuesday December 12**  
**Wasa Community Hall**  
**Doors Open at 5:30**  
**Early Bird 6:30**  
**Regular Bingo 6:45**      **Concession**

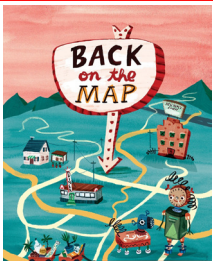


**COME TREAT THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS**  
**AT THE WASA LIONS' GROUNDS**

**October 29 from 4-5:30 pm**

**Hosted by**

**Wasa Lions and Wasa Recreational Society**  
**Hot Chocolate and Hot Dogs for the "Trick or Treaters."**



## GREAT NEWS WASA LAKE IS BACK ON THE MAP!!

The Community Connector  
Bus Will Now Pick Up Wasa  
Residents bound for Cranbrook

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
at 10:30 at Gas Station

Return from Cranbrook Hospital, 3 pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
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### VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

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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, Wasa Recreational Society, Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter, Wasa Gym, 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.*

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## The Lions Den Lions Roar

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

submitted by Terry Marvel

It's fall. Of that there is no doubt. The leaves have turned their beautiful fall colors and some have shed their leaves already. A harbinger of Old Man winter to be sure! Let us hope it's a mild one. I for one, do not look forward to removing large amounts of snow from the ground.

The Wasa Lions were host to our District Governor's attendance at our last general meeting. He spoke of many projects the Lion's have on the go and the need for more membership in all clubs. This is an issue for all the clubs. The membership has to attract members in the 25-45 year old bracket which seems to be the main problem with all clubs. It's not just an old people's club ya know! The Wasa Lions for one, could sure use some young blood (and muscle). Ha Ha.

We are once again hosting our annual Wasa Lion's Dinner and Dance to be held on December 2nd. The tickets will go on sale November 4th at 10 a.m. at the Wasa Community Hall for \$40.00 per person. It promises to be a night to remember, with many great raffle prizes, a wonderful meal and a good old stomp to Lily the DJ. So set the night aside for an evening to remember!

The Trunk or Treat is set to go ahead October 29th from 4:00-5:30. There will be a carved pumpkin judging at 5:00 so bring your artistic abilities to life with your pumpkin! Hot chocolate and hot dogs will be served by the Lion's and the Wasa Recreation Society. Get all your Trick and Treating done in one location.

The winners of our September 2nd raffle draw were Jenna Smith, Guy Winkleman and Ed Williams. Congratulations to the winners! Look forward to more fund raising raffles from the Club.

We hope everyone had an awesome Thanksgiving. Now for Christmas!

Happy Halloween to the Buzz readers. Hope everyone has enough firewood for the season!

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## The Power of the Prayer taught by Jesus of Nazareth Part 7 and conclusion

We are at the end of this series of articles on the powerful Prayer of Jesus offered to His disciples according to the interpretation of the Essene texts found not far from the Dead Sea in 1947. This prayer is called: **Prayer of the Son to the Father.**

**“Our father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as in  
heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive  
those who have offended us.  
And don’t let us enter into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.”**

Jesus begins by saying **“Our Father”**, which makes us all Brothers and Sisters in God; then he continues by adding **“Our Father who art in Heaven”**. Our Father, the Law, the Creator, is “in heaven”, because He is the highest and greatest. **“Who art in heaven”** evokes the Cosmic Ocean of Consciousness, which is beyond the world of matter. **“Hallowed be Thy name.”** The Name of the Creator has always been considered absolute, as something impossible to express by a limited or formal definition, because there is no name that can convey the meaning of the Creator. **“Thy kingdom come.”** The kingdom, in the Essene tradition, is in harmony with the Law of Evolution toward God. **“Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven.”** For the Essenes, as for us at the Ashram, life is about aspiring to the Divine Will for the good of all sentient beings rather than our own. **“Give us today our daily bread.”** This means that we need

to be guided by Wisdom, warmed by Love and nourished by the Natural Force of God (Holy Spirit or “Shakti” in Sanskrit) every day, so that our Consciousness, our mind and our body can be in harmony with the Totality. **“Forgive us our trespasses, as we also forgive those who have offended us.”** To forgive is to forget, for there is no other way of achieving forgiveness. **“And lead us not into temptation.”** Temptation is the first step in the deviation from the Law of Evolution toward God. The great anti-God in Man is his mind which leads him to think, speak and act wrongly. **“But deliver us from evil.”** Evil is simply the by-product of all our past deviations – from the Law of Evolution. But even if we have deviated, we are not slaves of the past, for we have all the potentialities that have been expressed by the representatives of God on earth.

As I pointed out, in the writings of the Essene Dead Sea texts, we find this additional sentence added in the Prayer of the Son to his Father:

**“For Thou possess the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.”**

The **“Kingdom”** is the Divine Realm. It is the Synthesis of all the Superior Forces. And the word **“Forever”** is the most important ever written or spoken. It signifies that the Law of Evolution toward God the Creator, the Spiritual, Cosmic and Natural Forces, as well as the Spiritual and Material universe as a whole, are eternal. It means that we are part of this Eternity, that we are one with Eternal Life, that we are Eternal Life. We don’t die, we evolve! The word “forever” is the Revelation to Man of Eternal Life.

**“Amen”**

This short word has two meanings. In Aramaic, the language

used in the Essene brotherhoods, “Amen” has the exoteric meaning of: “And so it is.” This is a final affirmation, the condensation of the whole prayer into one word. On an esoteric level, the word is used in Essene writings as the symbol through which Essene Masters of all ages sought to express Divinity. In its esoteric meaning, “Amen” is the Aramaic form of the ancient Hindu word AUM (or OM), mantra-sound of God which originally had four letters – AUM-AMEN. Each of these four letters represent a fundamental manifestation of the law, respectively Power, Love, Wisdom and Eternal Life.

“Amen” therefore definitely comes from an original root sound common to all Spiritual traditions. This common origin is the Mystical Sound “Om”, discovered many thousands of years ago by the Rishis or Sages of Pre-Vedic India in the form of prayer (Japa), and it is heavily used in all yogic practices. Even more convincingly, it is interesting to see that from the Sound Om (or Sound of the Absolute), we find the notion of Alpha and Omega: Aum, but also prayers such as “Amen” for the Jews and Christians, “Amin” for Muslims, and “Ahum” for Buddhists. “OM” is called the Word of God, and its repetition intensifies one’s connection with the Divine.

The Creator Himself was only expressed through silence. It is in accordance with the great Essene traditions that Jesus, the great Teacher given to humanity by the Essenes, concludes his prayer, the prayer of the Son to his Father, with the traditional Essene word “Amen”.

This concludes our study on the Powerful Prayer of Jesus, the Prayer of 12.5 With Love and Service in the Lord.

Om Om Om

H.H. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha



## Canadian Pacific Rail Fire Event - October 20, 2023

Usually by October 15th, the community fire trailer is shut down and tucked away for the winter. This year, however, we were a bit late getting that done and good thing! At about 10 am on Friday October 20, we received a call from a Wasa resident about several small fires burning on the CPR tracks just west of Wasa. Three of our members went to the site right away with the water trailer and CPR was alerted. We quickly extinguished the first two fires, but then more smoke was spotted further along the tracks so we went to investigate.

By this time, the CPR crew showed up; their workers were very appreciative for the alert and that we were able to action the fires. They informed us that a railway maintenance



train had ran over this section of track earlier in the day grinding the rails, which is what ignited the railway ties. This, apparently, is not an uncommon occurrence!

The rail workers took over the scene and proceeded to not only suppress the rest of the visible fires but to check for more on the rest of the tracks.

The incident was an unusual ending to the 2023 fire season, and another reminder that fires will occur anytime and anywhere. There was certainly potential for the flames to spread onto adjacent lands so we're grateful that we were notified and able to respond. If there is anyone who does not already have our list of "WHO TO CALL" in case of fire, get it now from the Wasa Post Office or Hardware Store, or at [www.wasafire.weebly.com](http://www.wasafire.weebly.com)



## Volunteer of the Year Celebration for Mike Gall and Kathy McCauley

The Electoral Area E Town Hall Meeting and Volunteer of the Year Celebration will be held November 14th at the Wasa Community Hall. I hope you can join us starting at 7:00pm as we honour our Area E Volunteers of the Year Kathy McCauley and Mike Gall. There will be a brief presentation followed by refreshments. They have done so much to support Wasa and surrounding area and I hope to see a great turnout to celebrate them.

The Town Hall Meeting will get underway at 7:30pm. There will be a number of presentations and an opportunity for questions and answers. Some of the topics on the agenda include:

- Five Year Financial Plan Update
- Mosquito Control Program Wrap Up
- Short Term Rentals
- Emergency Preparedness
- Climate Action Plan
- Lazy Lake Assessment Issue

I hope to see you all there, Jane Walter



## Short-Term Rental Temporary Use Permits

The application intake for Short-Term Rental Temporary Use Permits (STR TUPs) in the Electoral Areas of the RDEK is underway.

We know there are many questions about the process and the specifics of the regulation. To help provide information and make the application form readily accessible, we have established a permanent page on the RDEK website that we will be continuing to add information to in the days and weeks to come.

You can view the page, application procedures and form here: [https://www.rdek.bc.ca/departments/development\\_services/planning/str/](https://www.rdek.bc.ca/departments/development_services/planning/str/)

The application fees have been set at \$1,000 for delegated STR TUPs and \$2,000 for applications made to the Board.

As the public consultation on the implementation has now concluded, the previous project page will be archived and moved to the Archived Projects section on [engage.rdek.bc.ca](http://engage.rdek.bc.ca).

As I mentioned, there will be more information and education to come. For now, we wanted to give you the link to the new page and let you know the application intake is open.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact RDEK Planner Justin Cook at [jcook@rdek.bc.ca](mailto:jcook@rdek.bc.ca) or 1-888-478-7335.

Take care...and if you're out adventuring today, enjoy those amazing fall colours :)

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# November 2023

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			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Wasa Lion's Mtg 7 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  TOWN HALL Mtg 7 pm	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Adam's Army Fundraiser
<b>19</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>  Wasa Lion's Mtg 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Church Craft Sale
<b>26</b> Church 10:30 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 		

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