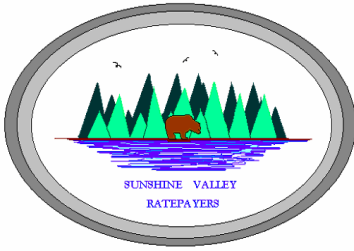


Summer Newsletter



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Social Event: July 1st, 2006**
- **SVRA President Report**
- **Adopt -a -Highway**
- **SV Water Customer Update**
- **Bear Aware Program**
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Sunshine Valley FM to create jobs, training & generate revenue



Have you heard about the social enterprise opportunity for the SVRA called Sunshine Valley FM radio station? The SVRA is studying the viability of acquiring this asset for our community. Potentially this project will create revenue, job opportunities and apprenticeship possibilities. What we need now are individuals looking for experience, with interest in managing/operating the station plus volunteers to learn

the skills for developing programs with the manager. Our social enterprise project is about creating sustainable projects, with revenues for the SVRA, training sessions, experience for students and our community members. Our vision is to expand the project to broadcast into a larger geographical area. Interested in getting involved? A workshop in September sponsored by Social Enterprise in partnership with two funding agencies, the United Way and the Federal Government,

will provide answers for how to set up, operate and manage the project. A consultant will be hired to work with our local volunteers and the radio station manager. Do you have any radio experience? Or are you looking for some air time? Maybe some career experiences for high school? Talk to your SVRA directors and visit the SVRA website to find out more about this exciting Social Enterprise opportunity. Federal & corporate grants are available for this rural project.



CELEBRATE CANADA DAY

Let's celebrate Canada!




Look for the big white tents on Branch Bend Rd. Bring your chair, good humour & beverage. The rest will be supplied. Schedule of activities include:

**Happy Canada Day
Proud Canadian!**
*From your 2006
SVRA executive*



*Fun Filled activities on
Canada Day
Join the community*

**Raffles & Prizes
Laughter & Fun
For all ages**

Time	Event	Description	Location
9:00-10:00 am	Walk the Valley	Valley Map & walking log	Sunshine Valley
1100 – 3:00 pm	Arts & Crafts, Games, Karaoke	Bring your favorite Karaoke discs	White tent
3-4 pm	Healthy Snack		
3-5 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story- Time in the Park • Book Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story teller. Free Canadiana book. • Please bring donation books 	White tent 
2-5 pm	Go Cart Race		Branch Bend Rd.
6-7 pm	BBQ/ Canada day Cake / Piñata	Please bring a salad or appetizer	White tent
7-8pm	Talent Show	Everyone welcome	White Tent
8-11pm	Street dance		Branch Bend Rd.

In partnership with: Canadian Heritage, Hope and District Recreation & Cultural Center, Fraser Valley Regional District, Coopers Foods, Ministry of Transportation, SVRA, ESS, Hope Search & Rescue, Camp Haig Initial Attack Forest Crew and our local volunteers.

INSIDE STORY : PRESIDENTS LETTER

Your SVRA has been accomplishing tasks this year just like any other previously; with vigor and relentless pursuit of a greater sustainable community. We have challenging questions ahead of us, but these challenges come on the heels of great success with community meetings in the Valley and open participation. Defining who we are as a rural community is important to this executive, and we present you all with added challenges and calls to volunteering and leadership so that this community may push forward, not remain bogged down in the past confusions of misleading politics, jargon and spin doctoring.

We now have some clarity; the Valley is not best suited for Village status. New owners have been denied development on nine application packages citing geological/governance concerns. Forestry is on our door step – yet they are listening, and we are finding ways to work together. We have issues, and we need to talk and formulate strategies and responses to continually move forward.

The SVRA has seen materials handed out in community meetings where our reputation, intent of direction and tie in with the court case seem to linger. The SVRA has no involvement with the court case whatsoever. I have been written and told of SVRA wrongdoing, but what remains is the lack of proof submitted to my office. I stand behind this executive, and I challenge anyone who speaks of SVRA wrongdoing to provide direct evidence or refrain from such comment. I will not avoid debating the merit of community involvement and how the SVRA can bring this community forward. I look forward to meeting and working with the new members who have signed up, and I look forward to meeting everyone at our next general meeting on July 2nd, 2006 at 1pm under the white tent on Branch Bend Rd. **Richard Gagnon**, 2006 President SVRA

Sunshine Valley Water Customers Update: May 16th, 2006

In a May 16th, 2006 discussion with Rick Couroux, Secretary to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights, the following is a summary of the discussion points concerning the status of an application by Sunshine Valley Developments Ltd. for a proposed water rate increase.

- Public hearing TBA: the utility company is required to provide supplemental information as requested by the user representatives and the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights. Deadlines have been given in written communications, and to date, the utility company has yet to respond;
- Original water rated did not include Huckleberry Village as part of the water system. The company is required to advise the government if the additional customers are factored into the overall rates or as a separate water system;
- Rates for small water utilities (50 -150 users) that have adequate insurance coverage, pay a qualified operator, contribute to a Replacement Reserve Trust Fund, comply with the Health Authority requirements and do the necessary maintenance on the water system range between \$30 to \$50 per month. Sunshine Valley is at the lower average for the water rate. Decision for the rate increase is based on the 2005 submitted application. Additional information has been requested. If not provided, a roll-back of the current interim rates to what the rates were prior to the current rate increase will be initiated.
- Please consider providing utility customer documents electronically as this would allow for timely information distribution for the customer representatives. Any documents for the month of May can be forwarded and posted to the various websites plus circulated.

Sunshine Valley Water Utility Customer Representative Committee

ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT :

Adopt a Highway is off and running. There has been posted a permanent sign with a Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association name and logo on it which tells the passing motorist that the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association cares about litter on our stretch of highway and is doing something about it. By the time this note goes to print we will have completed the clean up till after August. We are looking for more volunteers who care. For all that take part, a short training session will be conducted before you go out on the highway; this is to insure your safe conduct while doing litter collection. If anyone wants to participate, please feel free to contact Norm Bell at **604-869-5936** or normanbarb@uniserve.com Please give this your consideration and let's make our outdoor activities even that much more rewarding.



Walk the Valley

Sign up on July 1st for the inaugural "Walk the Valley" fitness walk. All ages are welcome to participate. To receive more information, log book and a map of the valley with designated landmarks see the display and start sign at the entrance to Sunshine Valley. Walk to begin at 9 am on July 1st, 2006. Come out for the early morning walk in the beautiful alpine valley. Bring your friends and families and begin your Canada Day with an introductory walk. Note your distance walked in your log book and continue this healthy activity 3-4 times a week for the next year. Next July 1st, 2007 we will have prizes for all our Valley Walkers.

Throwing a cigarette out of a vehicle might start a forest fire!

Further information on wildfires, provincial danger ratings and forest restrictions can be obtained by calling our toll-free

Wildfire Information number 1-888-3-FOREST (1-888-336-7378).

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect>

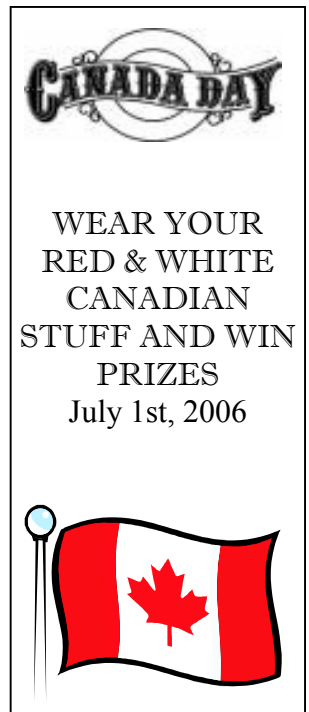


GOVERNANCE/LAND USE PLANNING STUDY—UPDATE

Hello Sunshine Valley Community,

I am writing to update all on the Governance Study which was initiated in 2004 with funding from the Province of BC. The focus of the study was to inform the community of the current governance of Sunshine Valley and look at reintroduction of regulations in areas of planning in Sunshine Valley. Alan Ferguson was retained to prepare the report and in August 2005 the report was made public. Please look at the various websites to review a copy as it is quite comprehensive and enlightening. We are now about to start phase two, which includes a look at public lands and how the community can interact and has interacted with the various user groups from recreation to logging. A steering committee that had been primarily focused on logging issues has expanded its focus to include these and other issues again with facilitation provided by Alan Ferguson. Due to the timing and such meetings are now being held in the Valley and are open to all and I would like to thank the SCCC executive for their continued support by making the building available. If you have a concern please forward it to the FVRD care of myself and I will ensure it gets to the committee. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that make this community function, countless hours and resources are spent for the benefit of all. This needs to be recognized. I am looking forward to the summer and the rekindled community spirit which is so prevalent in the Valley. I look forward to seeing you all at Canada Day (July 1st) and Sunshine Valley Days (Fall 2006) celebrations. Happy Summer!

Arne Zabell Director FVRD Area B



Angling Licences & Fees- Requirements



If you are 16 years of age or older:

- you must have a valid basic licence to sport fish for any species of fish in non-tidal waters (including salmon).
- you must purchase appropriate supplementary licences and stamps.
- you must carry your licence while sport

fishing and, if asked, produce it for inspection by a Conservation Officer, Fishery Officer, RCMP constable, Park Ranger in a park, or an Officer under the *Wildlife Act*.

basic and supplementary licences and stamps are not valid in National Parks (except for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve during the 2006-07 season).

All annual licences are valid for the current licence year, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007, commencing on date purchased

Youth Exemption

If you are under 16 and a resident of B.C.:

- you may sport fish without any licence or stamp.
- you do not need to be accompanied by a licence holder.

you are entitled to your own quota of fish.
If you are under 16 and a non-resident of B.C.:

- you do not require any licence or stamp to sport fish, but you must be accompanied by a person (resident or non-resident) who has the appropriate licences and stamps.

any fish you keep must be counted as part of the catch and possession of your accompanying licence holder.
if you want to catch and keep your own quota of fish, you may buy a licence and any necessary supplementary licences and stamps.

Licences can be purchased in Hope at Cheyenne Sports or a government agent office near you. Fees depend on length of time required.

See www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/licences/intro.html

A great resource area for local fishing information is bcfishing.com/

Canada Day : 4-5 pm
Storyteller & Performer-
Greg Paul's

Theme:

**Canadian
Kid
Hero's**

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Visit the display area for free information on Search & Rescue, Bear Aware, Emergency Social Services & Forest Fire Initial Attack Crew, Services Canada, Sunshine Valley Fire Dept.



CHILDREN SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Do you have any books to donate to the "Storey Time in the Park"? The program begins at Memorial Park weekly in July & August. Free books and lunch for participants. Great family outing. The book drive will take family books for all ages. Bring donations to Canada Day children activities. and *help build a love of reading in our community!*

Fraser Valley Regional Library : Hope

Summer Reading Club members will receive a colourful reading record, bookmark and weekly stickers. Fun contests and exciting programs will be held throughout July and August. Registration begins as early as mid June. Phone or drop by the Hope library for further details. Great Prizes !

fvrl.bc.ca/lib_programs_summer.asp

SVRA DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 1st: 1-11pm Canada Day Celebrations : White tent on Branch Bend Rd.
- July 2nd- 1pm SVRA Bi-annual General Meeting : White tent
- First Friday of the month : 7-9pm SVRA Executive Meeting : Hope arena mezzanine
- Sept. 5th : First day of 2006- 2007 year



For SALE: Rain barrels- \$20-(45 gal.) With water restrictions our local gardeners need rain barrels. Call Barb Bell 604-869-5936 ESS fundraiser



Swimming: Junior Lifeguard

Six local youth joined the Jr. Lifeguard Club from March 20 to May 24, 2006. For 18 classes our youth were challenged and trained. All six youth finished the program . Transportation was arranged . Additionally two youth have completed the Bronze cross training. Numerous life skills and lifeguard techniques were learned. . Creating learning opportunities as well as job skills assist our youth in succeeding as community citizens. One 16 year old girl commented "The junior life guard course gave me skills and time to prep for the bronze cross medallion course. It also gave me time to practice my simulation's for the bronze cross medallion course. Another youth stated" I learned so much. When can we go again?" Supporting community programs for certification is a key value for building a sustainable community. The SVRA will be offering future swimming youth programs in the fall. Watch the web site for more details.

Hello Neighbors:

Anyone seen a Black bear lately? If you haven't, then you must have been away! Sunshine Valley is bear country and I'm very excited to have the opportunity to help make our neighborhoods BEAR AWARE. Bear Aware is a community education program designed to "reduce bear/human conflict through education, innovation, and cooperation".

BC communities have a long history of bear/human conflicts and much has been learned. Last year over 1000 bears were killed in BC due to public safety concerns that arise when bears become 'habituated' to humans and 'conditioned' to human food sources. It has been well established that with a little extra care and attention to 'bear attractants' (garbage, compost, bird feeders, pet foods, fruit trees, berry bushes, etc.) we can avoid many common 'bear problems'.

As Program Delivery Specialist for Bear Aware, my job will be to see to it that Sunshine Valley understands how to reduce bear attractants and make our community as bear-safe as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions and concerns...or even your bear stories!

Donna McBride, Bear Aware Program Delivery Specialist,604-869-2646 www.bearaware.bc.ca



We invite you to visit us at our display booth which will be up on Branch Bend Road during the July 1st celebrations. Look for the "Reception Centre" sign and come see what ESS is about. You can give back to your community by preparing yourself to be self-sufficient during the first 72 hours of an emergency.

Gardening & Your Health

Did you know you could garden your way to well-being? It has been reported that gardening is the second most popular physical activity in Canada but its protective role in mental health may not be as well understood.

It turns out quietly tending your garden is a stress buster. "There is something magical and curative about the powers of nature as seen in the growth of a plant." according to Mitchell Hewson, a horticultural therapist at Homewood Health Centre in Guelph. It allows you to think about things that have been bothering you or to daydream. Other benefits include increased self esteem, better sleep patterns and learning patience.

Gardening provides a break from the rush of life. In a 2003 British report on work-life balance, the Mental Health Foundation found that 41% of respondents sacrificed their hobbies and pastimes by working too long. This could increase the risk of developing future mental health problems. Don't have a garden or any space to dig in the dirt? You can also offer to assist a senior or another person with their garden. As we head into the spring-summer season, there is no better time or way to improve your mental health than by getting out in the garden and surrounding yourself by nature.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE :



**Bi-annual General Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association Meeting:
White Tent on Branch Bend Rd.**

July 2nd-1pm : Bring your chair & coffee will be supplied