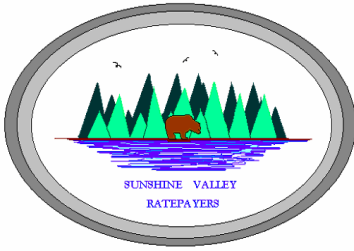


Summer Newsletter



www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Special Events Calendar**
- **SVRA President Report**
- **Adopt -a -Highway**
- **SV Water Customer Update**
- **Bear Aware Program**
- **Governance Items**
- **Summer reading**

FLOOD PREPARATION - Personal Preparedness

Are you prepared?

No matter how well your community has planned their disaster response, in a large-scale event resources may quickly become overwhelmed. To ensure the safety and well-being of you and your family, you should prepare now to take care of your own basic needs for at least the first 72 hours following a disaster.

1) Have an emergency plan that every household member knows. **2)** Assemble an emergency kit including food, water and emergency equipment that will last for at least 72 hours. **3)** Have a wind-up or battery-powered radio for weather warnings and disaster

instructions **4)** Protect your home with tarps and sandbags, and have the necessary tools for shut-off valves. **5)** Gather important documents and cash. **6)** Keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle. **7)** Have a plan and the necessary equipment for getting your livestock and pets to safety. **8)** Keep medical prescriptions well stocked and take medications with you if you have to evacuate. **9)** Move pesticides, weed killers and other contaminants to higher ground. **10)** Keep a wired phone in your home or emergency kit; Telus has backup power generators and battery banks that automatically kick in during a power outage. If

you use a different phone provider, be aware of its emergency capabilities. Also keep a spare cell-phone battery charged and accessible. More info:

http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/Personal_Safety.html

British Columbia Emergency Social Services Office (ESS), Provincial Emergency Program". <http://www.ess.bc.ca/prepared.htm>



LOCAL ALPINE FLOWERS TRAILS

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpags/ecmaning/walkhike.html>

Rhododendron Flats - Located on Hwy 3, approximately 10km east of Sunshine Valley Trail length 1/2 km with the Red Rhododendron, which blooms in great profusion in mid June.

Paintbrush Trail -Manning Park length 1.5 km- late spring the yellow and white 'spring' flowers such as Avalanche Lilies, Western Anemomies, Western Spring Beauty etc. are abundant. The second bloom is from mid July to mid August.

Rein Orchid - The trail begins 1.1 km along the road leading to the Lightning Lake Campground. View the orchids and other bog flora June through July. The best time to see the White Rein Orchid is in July.

SUNSHINE VALLEY HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

An author of five books on the history of aviation, historian **Chris Weicht** will give a special Sunshine Valley history presentation on **Sunday, June 3, 2007 @11:45 am** at the (SCCC) Recreation Centre. This is a great opportunity for residents to learn about the unique role our area has played in Canadian history. As part of his book tour throughout British Columbia announcing his latest book, **Trans Canada Airway**, Chris will provide a history of Sunshine Valley from when it was a construction camp in the 1930's, and then later used as an internment camp in World War II, to when the Hope Slide occurred. Following the presentation, a light lunch will be provided courtesy of the SVRA. A donation jar will be at the door for anyone who would like to help Chris out with his transportation costs. Visit [sunshinevalleyratepayers.org](http://www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org) for more details. Book of **Trans Canada Airway** are available for purchase. This SVRA community event is co-sponsored by the SCCC.



Happy Canada Day

Proud Canadian !

From your 2007 SVRA executive

Show your flag Sunshine Valley

Local events

www.hopebc.ca

A great resource area for local fishing information is

bcfishing.com

2007 Bi-annual General Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association Meeting:

White Tent on Branch Bend Rd.

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

INSIDE STORY : PRESIDENTS LETTER

I would like to personally thank our SVRA executive for putting in countless volunteer hours so far in our first six months. We are moving forward with vigour to pursue a greater sustainable community. Some of our successes from January to May are:

- Partnered in Junior Lifeguard swimming programs for local youth
- Publication of a governance manual for executive
- Publication of policy and procedure/ job description manual
- Grant applications for local programs and services
- Invited guest speakers to meetings such as RCMP in regards to Grow Operations and Meth. Houses, Social Enterprise, Representative from Advocate group for fair water rates. Worked with FVRD Area B rep. Arne Zabell relating to community issues.
- Co hosting community meeting for (Community Planning Opportunities)

Our next six months looks like it will also be rewarding. Visit sunshinevalleyratepayers.org for more information.

We are planning 1) Local history presentation to Sunshine Valley. Historian Chris Weicht a historian and author of five books on aviation history
2) Annual Canada Day celebrations
3) 150th Anniversary of British Columbia

With all that we are accomplishing and what we still have to do. It is important that the people of Sunshine Valley see the SVRA as an organization that works. We cannot do anything without your input. I love this community and it is important to me. I look forward to meeting everyone at our next general meeting on July 1st, 2007 at 1pm under the white tent on Branch Bend Rd.

Best Regards, Barb Bell, 2007 SVRA President

Bear Aware -BEARY Good News

Sunshine Valley should stand up & take a bow! You've embraced the challenge to "raise the level of peaceful coexistence between humans and bears" and it is showing. We are well on our way to being one of BC's first communities to obtain the provincial Bear Smart accreditation. www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/bearsmart/bearsmintro.html

To date, we have successfully met the requirements for 3 of the 6 components of the Bear Smart Community Program. They are:

#1 - We have established a bear education program. This needs to be ongoing. Bear brochures, displays, and/or formal presentations are available at your request. Just give me a call!

- Permanent displays and signage are another source of educational tools I would like our community to consider. I wonder if there's anyone out there that's interested in making that happen???

#2 - Sunshine Valley's Waste Transfer site is top-notch. Your cooperation in using and maintaining this system has been outstanding.

#3 - The Preliminary Hazard Assessment report has been completed. Many thanks to Mr. Charlie Russell for taking on that job and sharing his very unique brand of bear insights with us. Charlie's observations and recommendations will provide the framework for the rest of SV's Bear Smart program. Charlie's website: www.cloudline.org

The remaining 3 components all involve incorporating our bear policies with our Official Community Plan. I sincerely look forward to seeing that process get off the ground. In the meantime, all you & I really need to do is: "STAY BEAR AWARE"!

www.bearaware.ca

All the Beary best of springtime to you all! Donna-
Bear Line: 604-869-2646 Email:dm71817@telus.net



ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT : MAY 27TH @10 AM

We are in our second season for Adopt a Highway program here in Sunshine Valley. On the 2.5 km stretch of Highway #3 the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association's name and logo are displayed on permanent sign notifying the traveling motorist that the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association cares about litter on our highway and is doing something about it. We need you to come out and help. All volunteers are required to sign the Adopt a highway waiver/acknowledgment of risk form. Youth ages 12-17 require an adult supervisor. 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. All safety equipment will be provided on site. Sturdy boots/ good shoes with light clothing covering legs and arms are suggested. If anyone wants to participate, contact Norm Bell at 604-869-5936 or normanbarb@uniserve.com or meet at the public garden phone booth. Registration will begin at 9:45am. **Hot lunch will be served to Adopt a Highway volunteers.** Get involved in keeping our valley beautiful & litter free. If heavy rain, program will be postponed until following Saturday.



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

Greetings to All:

Numerous opportunities for community projects exist for economic development, health & safety initiatives, infrastructure and recreational programs. When the community collaborates the window of possibilities is immense. Partnerships with local government, associations and local business's create livable & vibrant communities.

During 2006-07 a number of key community successes have occurred. One example was the March 10th Community planning meeting, held in the meeting room at the SCCC center yielding 30 plus community volunteers. Volunteers with passion, interest and commitment for community planning have agreed to work in partnership with all stakeholders with an interest in planning. The FVRD is in the process putting together briefing binder with terms of reference for the committee due in late June.

Prior to the next election I would like to complete some projects such as the 10 hectare recreation area behind the Valley, including a parking lot. The community forest project which provides community ownership of the Trite's Creek watershed, cell communication, high-speed internet and finally a Community Plan for Sunshine Valley modeled, designed and approved by Sunshine Valley. These are the highlights the SV portion of my job as Area B Director. I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and summer and please stop by.

Arne Zabell, FVRD Director Electoral Area B azabell@fvrd.bc.ca



Sunshine Valley Water Customer Update

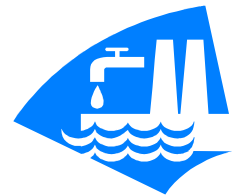
During a discussion on May 15, 2007, with Rick Couroux, Secretary to the Comptroller, the following items were discussed:

1. The Utility's latest submission has not been reviewed and the ministry is not prepared to release it until it has been reviewed by an engineer and a response is prepared. This review may occur within 2-3 months due to ministry staffing issues for hiring additional engineers.
2. Financial plan of how to finance the required capital upgrades: SVDL yet to supply.
3. Harmonizing the capital upgrade requests from Martin McLeod (Health Authority) with the current SVDL submission will be required.

4. Water customers are to continue to make water payments to Sunshine Valley Development Ltd. (SVDL) which has the vending licence and the operations of the Trite's Creek water system.

General information & process for the utilities can be found at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/>



"The abundant life does not come to those who have had a lot of obstacles removed from their path by others. It develops from within and is rooted in strong mental and moral fiber." William Mather Lewis

CHILDREN SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

June 30 : 4-5 pm

**Storyteller & Performer-
Greg Paul's**
Theme:
Flight
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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. and local partners.



"Storey Time in the Park" program begins on July 3rd at Memorial Park weekly in July & August. Free books & lunch, transportation for participants. Great family outing.

Do you have any books to donate to the "Storey Time in the Park"? 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 : Summer Reading Club theme "Catch the Reading Bug!" explores the varied meaning of the word "bug" from germs to spy gadgets and butterflies to doodles. Summer reading programs provide children with incentives to make reading for pleasure an integral part of their summer. Hope and area in particular is struggling with literacy issues, with a 43% school drop out rate, and low levels of school readiness, everything we can do to support children of all ages to read is of value to literacy outcomes and to their pleasure and future employability. Weekly prizes are given, children keep a record of all the books they read, special programs are offered several times in the summer and there is a wind-up party with a musician, medals and prizes for finishing their reading record. Early Bird Registration begins June 19/07 Diane Dryden, Hope Library, 604-869-2313 www.fvrl.bc.ca/lib_programs_summer.asp





SVRA DATES TO REMEMBER

- **June 3rd: Historical Aviation /SV presentation with Chris Weicht**
- **June 30 : 12 -11pm Canada Day Celebrations : White tent on Branch Bend Rd.**
- **July 1st- 1pm 2007 SVRA Semi -annual General Meeting : White tent**
- **First Friday of the month : 7-9pm SVRA Executive Meeting : Sunshine Valley library at the Recreation Center (except August)**
- **Sept. 4th : First day of 2007- 2008 school year**



8th Annual Celebrate Canada Day

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

Time	Event	Description	Location
9:00-10:00 am	Walk the Valley	Valley Map & walking log	Sunshine Valley
12-12pm June 30th –July 1st	Family Treasure Hunt	Pick up clue sheet and search for 24 hours to find the treasure hidden in the Valley. Noon July 1st claim treasure at the white tent	
12– 3:00 pm	Arts & Crafts	Painting, kite making, face painting	
3-4 pm	Healthy Snack		
3-5 pm	Book Drive Storey Teller -Greg Pauls	Please bring donation of family books 3 rd guest appearance of a great singing storyteller: Theme- TBA	
3-5 pm	Community Showcase	Local partners displays	Branch Bend Rd.
6-7 pm	BBQ/ Canada Day Cake / Piñata	Please bring a salad or appetizer	
7-8pm	Talent Show	Everyone welcome. Registration between 2-5. Bring own music/instrument	
8-11pm	Street dance	Family dance under the stars	Branch Bend Rd.

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

Ecological Footprint Quiz -<http://www.myfootprint.org/>

Ever wondered how much "nature" your lifestyle requires? You're about to find out. This Ecological Footprint Quiz estimates how much productive land and water you need to support what you use and what you discard. After answering 15 easy questions you'll be able to compare your Ecological Footprint to what other people use and to what is available on this planet.

CAUTION: THIS QUIZ MAY SURPRISE YOU, SHOCK YOU, OR MAKE YOU THINK. PLEASE REMAIN CALM...BUT NOT TOO CALM!! Recycle BC has a great site. Check out Ten things you can do to reduce your footprint: <http://www.rcbc.bc.ca/resources/TenThings.htm>



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE :

June 30th from 11am -11 pm : Branch Bend Rd., Detour route available