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CPCA

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Spring 2014

Here we are again!! We are gearing up for summer! One of the major focuses of the CPCA Board of Directors is the ongoing attempt to serve the needs and wants of the community members. The CPCA Survey gave us valuable direction. Our president, Garry Gray has kept the Columere property owners updated via emails throughout the year. Because of this communication, it has been decided that a Newsletter, although well done and well received in the past, would be redundant and an unnecessary cost. By going onto the Columere Park Community Association website (columerepark.ca), you have access to each of the letters from the president, the updates on community projects, minutes of all meetings, photos and important/relevant news.

Columere Runs on Volunteers

A major change in the usual events is the moving of the AGM from May to Aug. After much thought and discussion, it was decided, 'to allow better transitioning and mentoring for new directors, as they will have the off season months to get settled in and mentored for the next spring's work ahead,' it was necessary to make this change. The twelve elected volunteer board members rely on the dozens of you who step up each year and lend a hand. We hope EVERYONE will join in the Shoreline Clean-up early in July. Other volunteer needs are within the CPCA members' letter you will have rec'd recently.

Columbia Lake Stewardship is a new group who will act as a citizen-based, water stewardship group for Columbia Lake; Implement activities which monitor and help maintain the ecological health of Columbia Lake; Communicate and network with others, as required, to achieve the above. All minutes of their meetings can be seen on the Columere Park Website. The water testing requires the help of volunteers. If interested in helping, contact Ted Hart or Tracey Flynn (contact info within the posted minutes).

We love our dogs! Let's make sure they are on a leash and pick up after them.

Summer Events

Shoreline Cleanup – July 5

10 am – Many hands make light work.

Barn Dance – July 19

Not a CPCA sponsored event
(details on website)

Annual General Meeting

Aug. 10

Pancake breakfast @ 9:00 am

AGM @ 10 am

Annual Family Barbecue

Aug. 16

Mark your calendar and join the fun!!

Keep columerepark.ca in your favorites and check it often for updates on what is happening
"At the Lake!"



Photo by Brad Reinbold

Marina access cards: If your card key to the Rail Crossing is working and the person's card key, in front of or behind you at the gate, *isn't*, please do not let them through the gate. There is probably a reason why the card isn't functioning. Card Keys are not arbitrarily disconnected. There are reasons, ie: unpaid community dues or marina fees, card key itself is not working and needs to be replaced, etc. If your card key does not work, please call Chris Rae at (250) 342-5826 and he will identify the problem with your card key and help you remedy the issue ASAP. - Chris Rae

The Columere Park Community Association members' 'toys' (kayaks, tennis court equipment, horseshoes, bocci balls, swim docks and paddle boards) will be out soon. The flower garden/sitting area will be tidied up and attended to later this month. The Bracken family was awarded the Community property maintenance contract and has been hard at it already. It is looking very good. Once again we will have day and night security hired to keep our property safe and limited to CPCA members. We are often questioned as to why 'outsiders' can't be allowed. This is strictly related to our CP Rail crossing agreement AND our insurance. Speaking of which, we have been requested to remind ourselves that unlicensed and underage driving of motorized vehicles is illegal. Each of us can be charged and have our vehicle confiscated.

In our ongoing attempt to keep costs down and keep up with technology, our invoices have been emailed this year. You can mail your cheque to 4697 Columere Road, Fairmont Hot Springs, BC V0B 1L2 OR drop it into the drop box at 4650 Purcell Drive at the corner of Purcell and Columere Drive. We hope we can get our account set up so we can directly deposit our membership cheques in the future.

Columere Park Community Association Board of Directors 2013-14

President/Director: Garry Gray

Secretary/Director: Norma Grace Scott

Treasurer/Director: Bonnie Semeschuk

Jim Bland

Ted Hart

Kevin Hughes

Mike Lelek

Gerry Power

Paul Roggeman

Jim Waddell

Ted Wood

Liaisons:

Marina: Chris Rae

Community Property maintenance 2014 Contract: Kelly, Colby, Tristan and Jordan Bracken

Developer: Dave Rae

Columere Waterworks: Ron Rutledge

Beach Maintenance: Gerry Power & Paul Roggeman

Columere Park Web Master Volunteer: Brian & Cathy McIntosh

Each year we elect one half of the board of directors. We are always looking for enthusiastic community members to join the hard working board. We also need specific skills. We need someone with an interest in book keeping (accounting and recording). If either of these are YOUR interest &/or area of expertise, please let it be known.

Thank you, Have a WONDERFUL summer and "We'll see you at the Lake!"