

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Corn Crickers' Picnic:

Time is fast approaching for the annual Corn Crickers' Picnic to be held on **Sunday, September 12th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.**

There will be the usual old time family fun, corn shucking contests, games for all ages, barbecued hamburgers (with all the trimmings), fried onions (can't you smell them already), hot dogs, smokies and fresh corn.

Donations of baked goods, home preserves and excess garden produce welcome.

Please contact Linda Teague at 250 402-2057 if you are able to help out. Please leave your name and number on her answering system if you would like to volunteer, she will return your call ASAP.

The picnic is a great opportunity to visit with your neighbours, and also great area for children to play.

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon and support your community.

Hope to see you there!!

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

"Improving your odds against a wild fire"

As of August 15th, there have been 1,421 forest fires in B.C., mainly due to lightning hitting standing dead timber caused by the Pine Beetle infestation.

Warning signs of the Pine Beetle are now showing up in West Creston. All the rust patches, along the top of Mount Creston are standing dead trees, a dangerous fire hazard for our community.

By implementing the suggested techniques in the Forest Service's, FIRESMART program which was delivered to your home the end of June, we can help to minimize our own personal losses.

Make sure your roof, gutters and collective corners have not accumulated leaves or needles. Keeping a green and mowed lawn, and not having dense brush or forest within 30 meters of your home, will help provide a good firebreak.

Take the FireSmart Assessment test; is your home at risk?

Visit our web site,
www.westcrestonfires.info

West Creston's **EMERGENCY FIRE** number **250-402-9779**

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire, call *5555 on your cellphone, or toll-free to 1 800-663-5555.

For W.C.F.P.S. general fire information call 250 428-8841

*New Campfire Regulations:
(Ministry of Forests and Range)*

Campfires must NOT be larger than 0.5 metres by 0.5 metres, or about 19 in. by 19 in.

You MUST have a shovel OR at least eight litres or water nearby to extinguish the fire;

A firebreak must surround your fire – create one by scraping down to the dirt – one metre around the fire; and

You MUST NEVER leave a campfire unattended.

Before leaving the area, always ensure your campfire is completely extinguished and ashes are cool to the touch.

More information is available at www.firesafebc.ca

Area C Meeting:

The next Area C Town Hall Meeting, will be held on **Monday, September 13th 7:00 p.m.** at the West Creston Hall. Director Larry Binks is hosting this meeting to bring area residents up to date on area and valley issues.