



SENIOR'S CLUB CAR INITIATIVE

Aware of the isolation and loneliness that senior citizens often face, and recognizing Riverside Park as a community gathering place, Helen Frederick, Executive Director of Riverside Place, spearheaded a campaign to raise funds for a Club Car (a large golf car that seats 6-8 people). This car would allow seniors who find it difficult or impossible to navigate uneven ground, to once again enjoy Riverside Park.

The District of Vanderhoof was quick to grant permission for Club Car use in the park. Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Director Jerry Petersen was immediately on board, providing a grant-in-aid of \$6,800. Other funds have come from Pacific Northern Gas, and an "in memoriam" donation from the family of the late Jean Giesbrecht. The project remains however \$2,000 short of its goal, and an additional \$2,300 shy for building a shed for the car.

To reach the goal, Nechako Valley Community Services, the charity that operates Riverside Place, will be holding a raffle. In addition, they are accepting donations of money as well as materials and labour for the shed. If you would like to make a donation please contact Helen Frederick at 250-567-5344, or mail a cheque payable to Nechako Valley Community Services to Box 680, Vanderhoof, BC, VOJ 3A0.



Barb Williams (left) and Helen Frederick (right) receive a cheque from Jerry Petersen (middle) from the RDBN for the purchase of a Club Car as shown above.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE *the light on CFLs*

Did you know that Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury, which is classified as hazardous waste and cannot be disposed of in your household garbage? The Home Depot in Prince George will accept used CFLs free of charge and dispose of them safely. Look for the tall green box with a recycling logo on it near the main entrance of the store.

Do not dispose of your CFLs in your household garbage.

Handling Broken CFLs:

When broken, handle with caution as these bulbs release mercury as a vapour and a fine powder that is harmful when inhaled or consumed. Remove all people and pets from the room and air out the contaminated space for 15 minutes. On hard surfaces use stiff paper or cardboard to pick up broken pieces. On carpeted surfaces, wear gloves (to avoid skin contact) and use sticky tape to pick up smaller fragments, then wipe down the area with a damp paper towel or a wet wipe. **Never use brooms or vacuums to clean up this type of mess as the particles can be recirculated into the air.**

Disposing of CFLs:

All materials should be double bagged in sealed plastic bags, or even better, in a glass jar with a metal lid for proper disposal (ie. Home Depot).

This information was gathered by the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative www.nechakowri.ca.



UPDATER



The Nechako White Sturgeon Spring Spawning Celebration held on May 29 at Riverside Park was greatly attended—free food, children's activities, information about sturgeon and other fish and parks in BC, and of course live adult sturgeon. One of the many environmental activities that he is involved with, Wayne Salewski poses for the camera just before three sturgeon were released back into the Nechako River.

HOMETOWN HERO

"Stewards Conserve, Restore, and Protect"—this is a perfect description of Wayne Salewski, Volunteer Vanderhoof's nominee for Earth Day Canada's Hometown Hero national competition. Wayne was a top three finalist for the prestigious award, a huge honour in environmental circles in Canada. During the white sturgeon release on May 29, he was acknowledged by both Saik'uz First Nation Chief Jackie Thomas and Vanderhoof Mayor Gerry Thiessen, for his involvement in advocating for all water resources in the Nechako Valley, including work on Murray Creek.

Wayne leads the Murray Creek Rehabilitation Project, which is focussed on improving land and agriculture management practices and undertaking stream restoration in the Murray Creek watershed. Wayne is also involved with the NWSRI, and education programs for school children. Read more by going to www.volunteervanderhoof.wordpress.com.

On the river—**please stay clear of the orange buoys**. The buoys mark the location of sturgeon spawning mats that are part of the work that was done on the river earlier this spring. Wave action from boats causes the mats to move out of place, which interferes with the experiment being conducted by the NWSRI. As well, while the river is high please keep your speed down in residential areas along the river. Wave action can cause damage to property.

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WATER RESTRICTIONS

• Now in effect •
June 1-September 30
Water sprinkling allowed between 7-10am and 7-10pm
Even numbered addresses on even numbered days.
Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days.
Please note that if you live on the north side of the Nechako River these restrictions DO NOT APPLY to you. Contact Northside Water Services.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

May 5, 2011

Council gave first three readings to the 2011 Financial Plan and 2011 Tax Rates Bylaws.

Council gave final approval to Bylaw No. 1091, 2011, which gives PNG a 21 year Franchise to supply natural gas services to the District of Vanderhoof.

May 25, 2011

Approved the Nechako Valley Motor Sports Association to use the Vanderhoof Airport to hold a drag racing event on July 8, 9, and 10, 2011 pending the signing of the License to Use or Occupy by both the District of Vanderhoof and the Nechako Valley Motor Sports Association.

Council approved that a letter of support be provided for the Nechako Valley Sporting Association's application for a Community Gaming Grant.

Council received a letter regarding additional four way stop signs on Clark Avenue then directed staff not to install new stop signs. The street will remain as is.

Council decided that a request will be sent to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako asking them to pursue the construction and operation of an Aquatic Centre in Vanderhoof, the Nechako Regional Swimming Pool will be operated as a regional district function.

UPDATER PHOTO CONTEST

Email your best photo of the **Vanderhoof Farmer's Market** to updater@district.vanderhoof.ca for a chance to have your photo featured in the next Updater.

I DIDALAP 4 CANCER
Friday, June 17, 2011
VANDERHOOF, BC

NOON TO MIDNIGHT **Proud Supporter** **Canadian Cancer Society** **BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON** **NVSS TRACK FIELD**

PARTICIPATE AS AN INDIVIDUAL
OR
BUILD YOUR OWN TEAM
 REGISTRATION: \$5/PERSON
For more information call Leslie at 250-567-5070
or
Liste at 250-640-7758
Registration Deadline: June 1, 2011

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION EMAIL: IDIDALAP4CANCER@GMAIL.COM

PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

District of Vanderhoof Property Taxes are due by 4:30pm on Mon July 4, 2011.

You should have received your District of Vanderhoof 2011 Property Tax Notice in the mail. If you have not received your notice please contact the District Office at 250-567-4711.

You can pay your District of Vanderhoof 2011 Property Tax Notice online through the CIBC, Integris Credit Union, or the Royal Bank.

You can also claim your Home Owner Grant Online by going to www.vanderhoof.ca and following the links for Home Owner Grant. You will need your tax notice, your roll number and the eHOG password found on your tax notice.

If you have any questions regarding your 2011 District of Vanderhoof Property Tax please contact us at 250-567-4711.

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

District Council Chambers
5:00 pm Wednesday

JUNE 8

JUNE 22

JULY 20

• SUNSATIONAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES •

If you have not received your SunSational Summer Activities program call 250-567-4555, or go online to www.vanderhoof.ca and click on the Recreation Department link for more details and registration forms.



• ARTS IN THE PARK •

Beaumont Provincial Park
Saturday, July 16, 2011

Bring a picnic and come out and enjoy a day of live music and displays of local arts and crafts. Check out details and download a call for entries at www.nechakoarts.com or call 250-567-3906 for more information.

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COUNCIL MESSAGE *Our town this month...*

This past month has been a very busy time in our community. Most of you will have received an envelope containing your municipal tax notice. Council spent many meetings making sure that taxpayers in Vanderhoof continue to pay some of the lowest municipal taxes in Northern BC. Since our three year term began in 2008, the net property taxes that the District of Vanderhoof collects have gone up only about 1%. Over the same time the cost of living has gone up around 6%. It has helped that the municipality has seen more new building construction than some other Northern BC communities. In the next Updater we will have a more in-depth article about taxes and how we stack up against our neighbouring communities.

The paving crew has been in Vanderhoof this past week. We have spent a fair bit of time and have received some funding to help develop a plan for our infrastructure that needs repair. It looks like 4th Street has finally been upgraded after at least 25 years of working to get this job done. I know the residents in that area are very thankful to see the end of the paving this past week.

In the past two weeks we have seen two major awards come to our town! First was Wayne Salewski, Volunteer Vanderhoof's nominee for Earth Day Canada's Hometown Hero. Wayne was a top three finalist for the prestigious award, a huge honour in environmental circles in Canada. Wayne has done incredible work around Vanderhoof with the Murray Creek Project, WL McLeod Wetland, and the Redmond Pit Sanctuary. It's great to see people like Wayne use their abilities to make Vanderhoof a better place.

Burrard Market Square received first place in the Employment Category of the Scotiabank and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) Small Business Big Impact Challenge. This is a great initiative that was started by a group led by Mark Winston. I really enjoy shopping at the

market, especially on the weekend. This project shows what a little creative thinking can accomplish by helping a bunch of businesses accomplish their dreams.

We have seen a lot of hurt in our town with the disappearance of Madison Scott. There are no words to describe this last week. It has been very reassuring to see how many of you have given time and money to help in the search for Madison. There are a couple of acknowledgements that need to be made. Firstly to Nechako Valley Search and Rescue who are available around the clock, as well as their counterparts in Burns Lake, Prince George, and Fort St. James. And thanks to the RCMP who are working very hard to find Madison.

Writing this short article has reminded me to never take what I have for granted.

Mayor Gerry Thiessen



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DISTRICT UPDATE!

New Website

Visit the new and improved District of Vanderhoof website at www.vanderhoof.ca. The first page has links to valuable resources for residents, tourists and business owners.

Click on the District of Vanderhoof link and browse within the District's site to learn about each of our departments, committees, search the bylaws, apply for your home owners grant online and much more. There are a number of District related reports, policies and documents available on our website as well.

Please note, we are still adding to the site, so we welcome comments and suggestions on how to improve the site more for your convenience.

HAVE YOU SEEN MADISON?

tattoo: bird silhouette outline on inner left wrist
 piercing: left nostril hoop

20 years old
 Caucasian
 5'4"
 170 lbs
 green eyes
 ginger hair

Madison Scott was last seen at approximately 3:00am on Saturday May 28, 2011 at Hogsback Lake, approximately 25 kms south of Vanderhoof, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jean capri pants.

Police are asking anyone who may have seen Madison or may know of her whereabouts to contact them immediately at (250) 567-2222