



District of Lantzville Community Update

Change to District Office Hours and General Information

May 2009

Change to the District's Regular Office Hours – Effective June 1st, 2009

On June 1st, 2009, the District's regular office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Council approved the change in hours at its Regular Meeting held Monday, April 14th, 2009. Both Council and staff believe that by opening our doors at 8:00 a.m. it will allow residents a better opportunity to conduct business in the District Office prior to the start of their own work day.

Lantzville Prepares for Emergencies

If a major storm or wildfire affected your community, would you be ready? Do you have food and supplies on hand to survive for the recommended period of 3-7 days until help arrives? Three days is the *minimum* amount of time you should be able to survive without outside help if the power goes out, a sudden or prolonged winter storm occurs, or you are forced out of home due to an advancing wildfire. It may take time for first responders and emergency management organizations to get material, supplies or workers into a disaster site. The District of Lantzville encourages everyone to get prepared for a period of one week.

Emergency Preparedness Week, a national campaign coordinated by Public Safety Canada, takes place May 3-9. This special focus week provides a good opportunity to think about what you would do in case of emergency. The District of Lantzville invites residents to attend an Emergency Preparedness Community Information session as follows:

Date: Saturday, May 23
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: District Office (2nd floor)

Staff will provide emergency planning information and be on hand to discuss neighborhood emergency preparedness planning, volunteering with Emergency Social Services or amateur radio. During this Emergency Preparedness Week, take a little time to work on your individual or family emergency plan and assemble an emergency kit. By becoming more aware and prepared, you may be able to save yourself and your family from danger or hardship. For more emergency preparedness

information visit www.rdn.bc.ca or www.pep.bc.ca or contact Jani Thomas, Emergency Program Coordinator Alternate, District of Lantzville, at 250-390-4111 or 1-877-607-4111.

Olympic Torch Relay Update

Imagine holding aloft the gleaming white torch carrying the Olympic Flame, running with it as the flame unfurls in the wind and passing by friends, family and community members of Lantzville as they look on with pride and awe.

Anyone, including residents of Lantzville, can be a torchbearer in the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay and are invited to apply as soon as possible. The relay, which starts October 30 in Victoria, BC, is presented by Coca-Cola and RBC and supported by the Government of Canada. Interested torchbearer candidates from Lantzville may apply at www.iCoke.ca or www.rbc.com/carrythetorch. Both programs invite Canadians to share a brief story about how they plan to make themselves, their community or their country a better place.

The Olympic Flame will visit Lantzville on Sunday, November 1st as one of approximately 1,020 communities during its 106-day journey across the country.

Each of the 12,000 torchbearers selected for the relay will receive a brand-new torch to carry the Olympic Flame for their part of the journey. The individual torches, manufactured by Bombardier, may be purchased by the torchbearer after their run to pass down as a family heirloom. The torchbearers will also receive a complete torchbearer uniform, designed by the Hudson's Bay Company, consisting of a jacket, pullover pants, toque and knitted red mittens. The winter white uniforms with bright bursts of blue and green feature the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay emblem on the chest and the universally recognizable Olympic Rings on the back. The uniforms are a commemorative keepsake for the torchbearers to remind them of their part in the historic journey. For more information: www.Vancouver2010.com/torchrelay.