



District of Lantzville Community Update

Stage 2 Water Restrictions, Property Tax Due Date,
Urban Food Garden Bylaw, Open Burning and
Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program

June 2011

Stage 2 Water Restrictions – June 15, 2011

Effective Wednesday, June 15, 2011, the District will be on Stage 2 water restrictions, as follows:

- Properties with an **odd house number** may water on **Tuesdays & Saturdays** within permitted hours.
- Properties with an **even house number** may water on **Thursdays & Sundays** within permitted hours.

Watering is restricted to a **maximum of 2 hours per designated day**. On your designated watering day you are permitted to water between the hours of **7:00 am - 9:00 am** or **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**.

REMINDER: PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are due at the District Office by 4:00 pm on Monday, July 4, 2011.

Urban Food Garden Bylaw

At the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, May 9th, 2011, Council considered comments received from the public during the two workshops/open houses regarding the proposed Urban Food Garden Bylaw. Council has requested that staff prepare a further report incorporating Council's additional proposed amendments to the bylaw. Council also requested that staff prepare draft terms of reference for a potential committee that would contribute to the development of the

bylaw. Staff plan on bringing this report back to Council for its consideration at a Regular Council Meeting to be held in June.

Message from the Fire Chief – Open Burning

Residents should be aware that the fire season is upon us. Open burning, that is fire piles on the ground, is now closed until October 15th. Incinerators are still permitted at this time but could be closed any time conditions dictate. Incinerators have a few rules applied (for a copy of the complete Bylaw No. 86, please go to the District website at www.lantzville.ca) and they also require a free permit available at the District Office. Recently your Fire Department has been out to address some smoke and ash issues in the "Winds" areas and residents should be aware of a few basic rules. The two most frequently overlooked are those of wind speed and venting. **Burning is not permitted when wind speed exceeds 15 kph.** This is anything much more than a gentle breeze. The venting index is a guide generally applied to burning on a larger scale but residents should be cognizant of smoke's ability, **or not**, to escape. This is a gauge of how well the smoke you produce will rise and not seriously affect your home and others. Rainy days are seldom good days to burn. A guide may be found on the Ministry of Environment website. Incinerators must be screened with a mesh no greater than approximately 1 inch mesh and should always be burned as hot as possible. This helps to reduce smoke and ash.

Remember, when you burn, if you would find the smoke or the ash fallout offensive at your place, chances are your neighbour would too.



Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity helping people in your own community?

- ◆ ESS helps people meet their basic needs during a disaster by providing short term assistance with essentials like food, accommodation and travel. ESS volunteers assist evacuees at Emergency Reception Centers, and also respond to house fires where evacuees have no insurance (Personal Disaster Assistance).
- ◆ Training is provided free from the Justice Institute of BC and you will meet and train with volunteers from the Oceanside and Nanaimo areas, along with local responders and non profit agencies. We need volunteers to staff the Seaview Centennial Legion, Lantzville's designated Reception Center during an emergency and work with the Fire Department to provide Personal Disaster Assistance.

ESS volunteers are known nation wide as the "Heart of Disaster Response" - if you want to help those in need right in your own back yard, contact:

Jani Drew, Emergency Coordinator, 250-390-6526, jdrew@rdn.bc.ca

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- ◆ Experience has shown that after a disaster, it may take three days or more for emergency services to reach many neighborhoods or individuals.
- ◆ In areas that are isolated or have limited access, it may take even longer.

Learn How a Team of Neighbors With A Variety Of Skills Can Improve Community Resilience...

To Book A FREE Workshop, contact:

**Bob Dendoff, NEP Facilitator, 250-240-2300,
bobdendoff@yahoo.ca**



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