



NEXT Sandy Hook News

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From the Pres.

September already and, now that we've had a little rain, I can relax a bit. The drought caused many of us to worry about our water supply and the threat of fire. I'll touch on both in a moment but first, the PICNIC that wasn't.

Your Board plus a couple of helpers started putting things in place for the annual picnic. A date in mid-July was selected and tasks were matched up with those willing to perform them. We soon realized that more help was needed so we put out a cry in a special newsletter. For about a week we waited and hearing nothing de

ecided either no one was interested or they had more important things to do. We considered an alternate date but decided that would just confuse things so, with regrets, up went the cancellation sign. We did hear from one volunteer who we greatly appreciated but by then the deed was done and one volunteer would not have been enough. Oh well, let's try again next year because the folks who attend really seem to have a good time.

So, what about WATER? Anyone who resides on the Sunshine Coast for more than a few minutes soon gets the picture that water supply is not unlimited. The well-publicized watering restrictions, the brown lawn program, the low-flush toilet replacement program--all are efforts by the SCRCD to make our water last a little longer. What can each of us do to help? The big thing is to water only during watering hours and only if your plants need it. If you have a neighbour that ignores the watering hours, just give him/her a friendly reminder--after all, the water belongs to all of us. If they persist, phone the Regional District and report it to Dave Crosby. If that upsets your neighbour--Tough! Other things that will help include taking shorter showers, flushing only when necessary and, believe it or not, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth. According to some experts that last one is a biggie. There are lots of others. Dirty car? Don't wash it unless you have a wedding or funeral to attend--it's ok to keep the windows clean.

Then there's FIRE and that has some of us really scared. We didn't need the horrendous disasters in the Okanogan to alert us to our extreme vulnerability right here in Sandy Hook. Here we sit with trees right up against our houses, on a steep slope that fires just love, with a limited supply of water and 4 inch mains instead of the standard 8 inch, and only one road out--wherever out is. There is presently a total ban on all outdoor fires except briquette or gas barbecues yet some people light fires. In such a situation, speaking nicely to the offender may not be the answer. Instead I suggest marshalling some other neighbours with hoses or call the fire hall or the police. Too extreme? You had better believe it. Just wait 'till you get your 30 minute evacuation notice. Got a grab-and-go-bag ready? How about the pet? If you are ready for the fire possibility, you'll be ready when the earthquake hits. I know how I might feel coming back to a burned-out community, so let's all play it smart to try to ensure it never happens here! Enjoy the wet.

W **W** **D**—CB Radio volunteer needed to provide communication for your community. Now has a CB network that is on radio daily, 8AM and 8PM channel 14. If interested please contact me on the net, or phone "Tranquility" 604-885-5523. We have a few CB units and antenna available. Sounds like a great hobby to learn.



WATERING DAYS

ODD Numbered Houses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 - 10 AM
Monday, Wednesday from 7 - 9 PM
EVEN Numbered Houses: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 7 - 10 AM Tuesday, Thursday from 7 - 9 PM
NO sprinkling anywhere Friday or Saturday evenings or all day Sunday.

Is Your Membership Up to Date?

Send it in!

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