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## October 6 — 7:00 p.m. Village Council Meeting. Coch-rane RancheHouse,

This meeting will include a presentation on the Burn stick Drive and drainage improvement plans, fire protection discussion. In addition, our Village Assessor Rodney Fiske will be in attendance to answer questions about the property assessment process in general and last years and this year's upcoming assessment in particular.

## October 6 Council Meeting—lots to discuss

Next Village Council Meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. at the Coch-rane Ranch House. This meeting will include a presentation on the Burn stick Drive street and drainage improvement plans. Construction is not planned until the fall of 2010, but lots of discussion will be needed to get this major project right for residents. The Village's contract property assessor will also be in attendance to discuss the assessment process of last year and this coming year's process that begins this fall.

## Congratulations to local childhood brides (and grooms)

Congratulations to **Maria and Charlie Vogels** and **Jill and Russ Down**. Both these couples recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversaries. Obviously these people married very young!

## "Thanks for all your help—Hazel!"

Active volunteer **Hazel Higgins** has decided to step down from her volunteer tasks as community water well test coordinator and liaison with Waste Management Inc regarding the timely emptying of the waste transfer stations. The Village is very thankful to Hazel for her years of great work. Village Council will be considering how Hazel's work will be continued. If any residents wish to help, please let Council or Rick know.

## 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast—a flipping success..

"Although attendance was down this year, we were blessed with a warm, sunny morning - unlike the ugly weather that came the next day!" reports Mayor Diane. Diane also thanked those who gave up their time to make the event a success: **Greg Pek** for buying the sausages and **Maria Vogels** for once again making her delicious berry syrup. **Harold Esche, Charlie Vogels** and **Greg Pek** for cooking the sausages and pancakes and **Brenda Becker** and **Joni Stetz** for the preparation help. Thanks also to Harold for giving out the draw prizes and to **Jill and Russ Down** for donating some of the prizes. We were able to ensure that each child attending received a prize. Thanks also to **Irene Dunsmuir** for donating a coffee percolator to the Community.

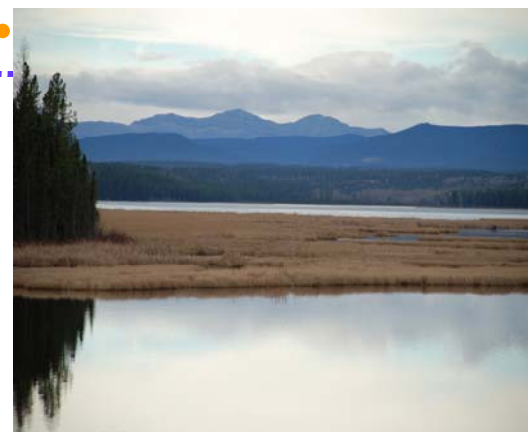


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## Updates ...

**Community well tests are satisfactory as at August 28—** The latest monthly water test, coordinated by resident volunteer Hazel Higgins, show the Village’s community water well “satisfactory” with no traces of coliforms or E. coli. A previous test have showed some traces of coliforms; so residents are encouraged to exercise reasonable caution in their direct use of un-boiled or untreated well water.

**Natural gas update from Foothills...** Those residents who attended the June 27<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting heard John Armstrong, General, Manager, Foothills Natural Gas Co-op provide an update on the possible project to bring natural gas to the village. John noted that the project will not be taking place this year but maybe next; and that the Co-op will not be cashing the deposit cheques forwarded by residents. If residents have any questions, please contact John Armstrong direct at 403-556-3007 Ext: 205 or e-mail John at [jarmstrong@foothillsnaturalgas.ca](mailto:jarmstrong@foothillsnaturalgas.ca).

**Encroachment policy implementation is going well...** Judging from the cooperation to date, all encroachments are being removed by residents well before our September 30 deadline. **Decks and stairways agreements are in progress...** We continues to work with residents on shoreline decks and stairways. Agreements are being drafted with those holding existing shoreline decks and stairways. If you have any questions. Please contact Tara McFadden at (403) 836-9956 [tara.mcfadden@gmail.com](mailto:tara.mcfadden@gmail.com) Those proposing new decks and stairways are asked to await the Village Council’s decision regarding bylaw amendments and the process for considering new decks and stairways. This will be discussed at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. **Fire Pit Inspections are complete for the next two years**—Please call Tara (see below for her coordinates).

## Did you know?

! The village has some first response fire protection with its fire caddy. The pictures to the right show this summer’s practise. Please contact **Al Clark and Russ Down** for more info on this important first response,

! The Village has launched its web site. The site is at [burnsticklakesummervillage.ca](http://burnsticklakesummervillage.ca). The Village site gives residents easy access to Village info. The site also includes your pictures. Please send us more!

! After a recent storm, the Village had to get its tree expert, Alfred Shmutz, out to do some culling. Alfred cut some of the dangerous trees - nineteen 19 in all; and determined that other trees be “falled later in the fall”



*The Village’s fire caddy (first response fire protection system) was demonstrated after our annual Canada Day community meeting. Photos credits : Adolf Becker*

! Decks and stairways along the shoreline are of course exempt under the encroachment policy. Agreements are being arranged with deck and stairway owners.

### ! Here are the contacts for your Council Members

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