

Burton Busy-Beeline

Burton BC—On the way to exactly nowhere



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FREE



What a wonderful message—upon entering Burton Elementary—Together We Can Fly. Every paper feather on the wings has an inspiring message.

Burton Elementary Terry Fox Run

The children of Burton will be canvassing from September 15-18 for their Terry Fox Run.

Then on Tuesday, **September 24, at 8:30 a.m.** the children will be running around the Burton Loop. Way to go! Let's cheer them on!

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Not A Box with Nature Sprouts

A visit to the woods near the campground found Daniela Brehm of the Applegrove Nature School with ten little preschoolers, leading them through adventure and play.

The theme was *Not A Box*, from the book by Antoinette Portis.

"We start the session off in the circle with a story," explains Daniela. Then it's fun time.

Little ones were in boxes, on boxes, playing with paints and having a great time, while parents from Edgewood, Fauquier and Burton watched and got to visit.



New Status

for Burton Historical Cemetery

Members of the Burton Walkway team have successfully made presentation to the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to have the Burton Historical Cemetery recognized as a heritage site.

Pursuant to Section 595 of the

Local Government Act, the RDCK has provided notice to the Heritage Minister. In addition, the RDCK's Community Heritage Register and RDCK web map have been updated to reflect the addition of the Burton Historical Cemetery.

Congratulations go to Liz Gillis and team.

Important NOTICE on Page 5 regarding a PUBLIC MEETING on Tuesday, September 16, 7pm, at the Hall with CBT about the Burton Community Park Renewal—ALL WELCOME!

The Burton Busy-Beeline publisher gratefully acknowledges living on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory, on the site of the "xaieken" village, of the Sinixt Peoples, and honours their ongoing presence on the Land.

Buzz Word (Editorial)

I just can't help it. The Buzz Word again is THANK YOU, especially as we celebrate **Thanksgiving**. We have so much to be thankful for—not just for the food on our tables and the roof over our heads but for the peace that we have, in this wonderful part of the world.

We don't have bombs flying over us and exploding in our streets. We are not surrounded by rubble, and having to migrate to find safety and a space to sleep.

Sunday, September 21, is the UN International Day of Peace (World Peace Day). The theme this year: **Act Now for a Peaceful World.**

While war continues in many countries, we can, at this time, call Canada a safe country, a peaceful country, regardless of the many challenging issues involved in maintaining this great nation.

We have food. We have water. As the children in Burton say in the entrance to their school: **Together We Can Fly.** Peace be with you.



PS Thanks go to Alice, Margret, Sheena and Trudy for their contribution to the costs of publishing this little paper, and to Brian for picking up supplies.

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Harvest Celebration

Fun for all

Brenda Buerge has been very busy – organizing. Instead of a Fall Fair, there is to be a Harvest Celebration at the Burton Community Hall on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's going to be a full day of delicious food and fun, sponsored by the Bee Happy Community Garden and Burton Seniors.

Bee Happy Pop-Up Market

In lieu of a Friday market at the community garden, the Bee Happy gardeners will have fresh local fruit and veggies for sale (by donation) in the Hall from 11 am. (BYOBag)

Harvest Luncheon

The Bee Happy team are providing a tasty lunch made with produce from the garden. Like last year, there will be a variety of soups (served with a bun), and desserts – all locally made. Coffee or tea, soup and dessert are all for the amazingly low price of \$10 (\$5 for children under 12). Without dessert it's \$8, and for dessert only it's \$2. The price is right. And all funds raised go towards maintaining the community garden, and buying seeds for next year's crops.

Pie Contest

"This used to be part of the Fall Fair," says Brenda, "and it's my first time at organizing a pie contest. Anybody can enter. Pies must be brought in before 1:30 p.m. at which time mystery judges will be blind-judging."

Scarecrow Contest

Meanwhile, area residents (all ages) are invited to bring along a scarecrow, of any theme. "This idea came about from the *Quilting and More* group," adds Brenda. "Entries can be brought to the Hall between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and people can vote on them throughout the day until 3 p.m. when a winner will be announced."

For info contact Brenda at 265-1174.



My wife told me she was tired of listening to my stupid jokes.
'Why don't you just write a book about them?' she asked.
I told her, 'That's a novel idea!'



Burton Busy-Beeline is published on the 15th of each month. All event listings, news, letters, bouquets and more to be submitted by the 10th of each month. Copies can be picked up for FREE from the bulletin boards at Burton Community Hall, and by Caribou Auto. Please share. PDFs are also available via e-mail.

Market Success

The Bee Happy Garden Pop-Up Markets have been a huge success this summer. Starting on a whim, and flying by the seat of their pants, organizers and gardeners began harvesting fruit and vegetables from the community garden and from their own gardens. Everything has been by 'donation' with proceeds going towards seeds for next year, and soil enhancements. What deals customers have had! With beets, cucumbers, zucchinis, garlic, carrots, potatoes, herbs, beans etc. and lots of plums and apples! Customers came from the campground, or from passing through on the highway, and from the Burton community.

What didn't sell has been placed in the Community

Fridge for the families who are benefitting from the harvest. (See *Bouquets*) And fruits have been stored ready for use over winter by the community and the school. (See *photos*)

It's been a LOT of hard work for the gardeners who not only maintain the soils, sow the seeds, and take care of the plants as they grow, they are taking time to harvest. It's been a HUGE undertaking and **special thanks** go to: Liz, Mary, Margaret, Inga, Dawn, Gary, Leanne, Karen, Carol, Jack and Jan, David, Melissa, Denise, Alice, Brenda, and Polly.

The next Market will be at the Burton Hall on September 20 as part of the Harvest Celebration. They will continue on Friday, September 26, October 3 and 10 – at the garden, weather and produce permitting.



Simple and Delicious Zuke Soup Recipe

1 zucchini 1/2 cup chopped onions
2T butter 2T water 14oz chicken broth or water
Salt and pepper 1/2 tsp curry
1/2 canned milk small sherry cream cheese

Method:

Thinly slice squash.

Heat butter in pan and add onions, squash and 2T water. Do not let squash brown.

Add stock/water. Cover and simmer 10 mins.

Blend in blender then add remaining ingredients.

Reheat slowly. Do NOT boil.

Add cream cheese when serving. Yummy.

Summer at the Campground

It has been a very busy summer. "We've had over 5% increase from last year," says host Sarah Bilo-deau. "There have been many new guests since the new booking system started, and they LOVE Burton. We've had lots of good compliments."

This year a small concession was added that really helped campers, and the big shoppers were local Burton children - a new experience for them.

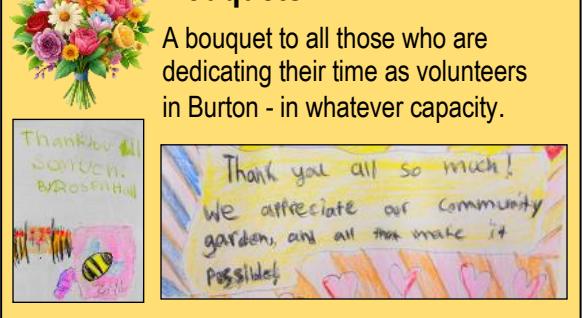
"The group sites for next year are already booked up to July," adds Sarah.

The campground will be open until the Thanksgiving weekend.

I woke up today with stir-fry all over my bed. Man--I must have been sleep wokking again.

Bouquets

A bouquet to all those who are dedicating their time as volunteers in Burton - in whatever capacity.



Burton Community Association (BCA)



Burton's volunteer board is back in full swing. They had their first meeting on Monday, September 8, at which the above photo was taken. Meet your board: LtoR – Wanda Buerge, director; Warren Detta, treasurer; Karey Bilodeau, chair; Dan Adshead, vice-chair; and new member David Doncaster, director. Unfortunately, there is no secretary.

Karey will be posting a notice regarding the position which includes taking minutes, correspondence, agenda etc. Karey will also be posting about an upcoming community meeting with CBT (see pg5), and a TBA Harvest Festival pot-luck.

Meanwhile, the board could really use some **young** blood for directors – with new ideas and energy. There

can be up to nine board members – so if you would like to join and be part of a **new wave moving forward** for Burton, do give Karey a call at: 204-923-0026. (*This kind of volunteerism always looks good on a resume.*)

Board meetings will continue on the first Monday of the month. The next is on October 6, at 6:30 p.m.

I got home from work today to find that my kids had been on eBay all day.
If they are still there tomorrow, I guess I'll have to lower the price.

Rosemary's Ramblings

What is a phone?

When putting together the Directory for the Busy-Beeline I have asked for phone numbers. I'm 'old school' where a phone is a tool for speaking to another person.

However, I have sometimes found people reluctant to give out their number. Maybe it's to do with what a phone has become - a person's 'everything,' including banking information, personal data, identity, saved interests, photo gallery, social media, texting, and so much more.

So, I thought to include a little history here. It was 1876 when Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated the first telephone, to speak to another person in a dif-

ferent location. Even as late as 1960 not everyone had a telephone. In England we had the red phone box at the end of the road; in Canada—a party line.

People, businesses and addresses could be found in a phonebook which every phone customer had – published by Bell or in BC, BCTel, then Telus. Phone books were also found in payphone booths, hanging by a chain. The best place to research a distant community was to go and visit the library which usually had copies of phone books for major cities.

Today it is just about impossible to locate a service unless they are listed on internet or have personally handed out, or advertised, their number. So how do you call

for an appointment, or product? A person now has to use their 3x6 (iPhone), be linked up to a radio-wave tower which then sends a signal to a satellite rotating in space around Planet Earth, which then sends a signal to another radio-wave tower, and connects your 'phone.'

But as I said, your 'phone' is now your everything. And strangely enough, people forget they can actually talk on it, not just send text messages or check photos, and social media etc.

Some people still do use a landline. Like myself. I don't like to be radio-waved-hooked-up-to-a-satellite, on-call 24/7. Funny how we survived without a phone, or with just a call box down the road.

Bits & Bobs (News)

PUBLIC MEETING, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

At the Burton Community Hall

Everyone is invited to a special meeting with the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and BCA to explore improvements to the community park, **and build a vision for its future.**

The CBT and BCA want to hear ideas from the broader community for this park space, and to find out how the stories and history of this park can be celebrated.

Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Project goals: To update existing facilities and create a multi-generational gathering space and inclusive park that is welcoming to everyone.

For more information call Karey Bilodeau: 204-923-0026.

Wildfire Risk Reduction

Update September: "The contractor is low bedding their equipment to the site. The fire danger is still a 4 in the area, but it is forecasted to go down to a 3 if we get the rain they are calling for. They will wait and see if the rain happens and if fire danger goes down, if it does, they will start up operations September 15, 2025."

For information contact Amber Cooke, RMT, at - Amber.Cooke@gov.bc.ca or phone 778-364-0676.

A vulture is checking into an airport to catch a plane. He has a dead skunk tucked under one wing, and a dead possum under the other wing. As he approaches check-in, he is told that he is not allowed to board as he has not followed proper protocol and procedure to be allowed on. He inquires what the problem is, as he has his ticket, his reservation number and he arrived in plenty of time.

The check-in person replied, 'What you say is true—you have followed all the rules but one. Surely you must be aware that each passenger is allowed only one carrion!'

Texas Hold'em Poker Night

The Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade is bringing out the cards and chips for their next fundraising event—the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at the Hall on **Saturday Oct 11, at 6 pm.**

\$50 gets each player poker chips and \$10 bounty chip. And there will be a 50/50.draw. Refreshments include hot dogs/smokies with pop/water, chips & candy bar. For details, to reserve a seat, and if you are interested in helping out (e.g. kitchen), please contact Brian at 250-265-3492 or e-mail harropbrian9@gmail.com.

Update from BC Hydro re Burton Water

These systems were originally owned and operated by BC Hydro until 2011, when they were formally transferred to the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) following referendums in each community. Since then, the RDCK has been responsible for setting water rates and managing the systems.

As part of the transfer agreement, BC Hydro upgraded the systems to meet Interior Health Authority standards at the time, and contributed to a capital reserve fund for future upgrades. We also committed to covering water costs for community facilities indefinitely and introduced a "water rate holiday." This means BC Hydro continues to pay water bills—including rate increases—for properties that were connected to the system at the time of the transfer, until those properties change ownership.

We understand that aging infrastructure is creating challenges and leading to higher rates, and we know this is a concern for many residents. While BC Hydro continues to cover a significant portion of these costs through the rate holiday, we're now working with the RDCK to review the situation.

Charlotte Mitha, P.Eng., President & Chief Executive Officer

Burtonbc.ca Website

The Burton Website is presently undergoing reconstruction, so information is not up-to-date.

A different drummer

Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed, and in such desperate enterprises?

If a person does not keep pace with their companions, perhaps it is because they hear a different drummer.

Let them step to the music which they hear, however measured or far away.

Henry David Thoreau

(with inclusive gender modification 2025)

Burton Directory

Emergency

Police **250-265-3677**

Emergency/Ambulance **911**

Fire 250-265-4348 or 250-265-9952

Fire Chief, Brian Harrop 250-265-3492

Wildfire 1-800-663-5555

Arrow Lakes Hospital **250-265-3622**

RDCK Emergency Operations Centre
250-352-7701 or 1-866-522-7701

Services

Community Medical and Community Bus
To and from Vernon and Kelowna
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month
Call **250-265-3674 Ext. 200**

BC Transit

Burton to Nakusp & return, every Friday
Book your seat by noon on Thursday
1-855-993-3100 #2

Saddle Mountain Medical **250-265-3694**

Nakusp PharmaChoice **250-265-2228**

Hospital Lab booking **1-844-870-4756**

Thompson Funeral Service **250-265-3020**

Burton Cemetery Board—Margret **250-265-4348**

Interment—Sandy—**250-265-4999**

Mail Boxes **1-866-267-1177 or 250-265-3337**

Parcel pick-up—Nakusp Auto Parts **250-265-3131**

Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS)
250-265-3674

Nakusp Mental Health & Substance Abuse
250-265-5253

Garbage and Recycling—Transfer Station
Chris Jackins—**250-265-5181**

Wildfire Mitigation—Bree Lillies
250-354-8120 or 250-352-1539

WildSafe BC - Lana Schalow
arrowslocanlakes@wildsafebc.com

Wildfire Risk Reduction—Amber Cooke
Amber.Cooke@gov.bc.ca
778-364-0676

Kootenay Savings Credit Union **250-265-3605**

CIBC Nakusp **250-265-3696**

Columbia Basin Trust **1-800-505-8998**

What do you call a paper airplane that won't fly?
Stationary.

Community

Burton Community Association

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Burton Community Hall bookings **204-923-0026**

E-mail: burtonhallrentals@gmail.com

Burton Historical Campground

250-265-4885 Toll-free: **1-844-265-4885.**

Burton Community Learning Centre

Isabelle Bergeron **250-265-8545**

Burton Seniors—**Gale Detta 250-265-3161**

Arrow Lakes School District #10 **250-265-3731**

Burton Elementary—**250-265-3638**

Nakusp Secondary—**250-265-3731**

Welcome Committee

Rosalie Cranna—**250-265-0161**

Inga Ivany **250-265-4771**

Bee Happy Community Garden—Jan **604-345-3757**

Regional District Central Kootenay (RDCK)

Teresa Weatherhead—**250-265-8252**

Main Businesses

Applegrove Nature School **250-265-1090**

Burton City Cider **250-265-7044**

Caribou (Auto) Services **250-265-3191**

Catherine Bische Pies **250-803-2414**

CM Heavy Duty—certified Red Seal Mechanic

Also tires and oil change servicing

Colin McCauley **250-803-2896**

Hair Tenders - Sheena Jackins **250-265-8166**

or Linda Coffin **265-3848**

Handy Andy (McNish) **250-221-1592**

Heritage Nursery (Nakusp) **250-265-8380**

Hub Insurance (Nakusp) **250-265-3631**

Nakusp Auto Parts **250-265-3131**

O Clare Consulting - Carol Boccaccio

780 926 6538

carol@oclareconsulting.com

Redhaven Homestead **250-265-8760**

Redhaven Healing **250-265-8760**

redhavenhealing@gmail.com

Rewild Farm Stand 734 McCormack

Simon Bamber Civil Technology

Septic Systems sibamber2@gmail.com

250-265-7229 (please leave a message)

Tangled Rose Creations **250-870-3058**

Keeping fit in Burton

Keeping healthy also means keeping fit. And the Burton Community Learning Centre (BCLC) has programs starting up this fall to help residents do just that.

Please check the Burton Facebook page for updated information.

Exercise Room (on the stage)

The schedule at this time is:

Mon., Fri. – 8:30 - 10:30 am

Wed. 9–11 am.

Tues. and Thurs. 6 - 8 pm

Cost is \$2 for drop-in, or \$50 for a yearly membership (which includes access to other BCLC programs).

Elementary & secondary students are free of charge, (parent/designated adult supervision required). Volunteers will be on hand to help participants..

Senior's Exercise

This program starts on October 23, for 10 weeks, every Thursday from 11:30am – 12:30pm, with instructor Broden McLean. Fees are \$40 for the 10 classes or \$5 drop-in. Participants can sign up on the first day.

Info: Broden at 250-265-1957.

Pickleball

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. It is a fun

way to socialize with others in the community and to get some exercise to enhance both mental and physical health. Two outdoor courts are available beside the Burton Ballpark for use when the weather is fine - on Mondays and Wednesdays (at 9 am), and in the school gym (at 3:45 pm) when the weather is inclement.

All ages and skill levels, including beginners, are very welcome to come and give the game a try. There are loaner paddles if you don't have your own equipment.

For info call: 250-265-8440.

I tripped over a Kleenex box and thought I might have broken my leg.
Luckily it turned out to just be tissue damage.

Smile of the Month—

Karey Bilodeau

"I want young people to look forward with positivity," says Karey Bilodeau. "And I'm trying to find ways to get the community back together—all ages."

To do this Karey has taken on the challenging task of chairing the Burton Community Association (BCA) and bearing the responsibilities that come with taking care of the Community Hall, ballfield, park, campground, and the welfare of the community.

"I was born in Edmonton and raised in Sexsmith. After high school I went to the Northern Alberta Institute for motorcycle and marine mechanics."

Karey progressed to automotive mechanics and in 2003 he went

on to a large mining company where he receive his heavy duty mechanics ticket. This led him to being a master mechanic on several different mine sites in BC, the Yukon and Saskatchewan. He also holds three different Mine Rescue certificates and while in the Yukon he was with Search and Road Rescue.

But how did he end up in Burton? "We had been in Kamloops for 17 years and wanted to move out of the city. We took a map, put our hands together, and chose Burton. We bought property in 2018 and have the Burton Berry Berry Farm."

However, life took a big detour in January of 2024 when Karey had a back injury. With surgery in June of this year, he is on the road to recovery, but it will be a

while yet before he can fully return to his work. Meanwhile, wife Sarah and the family have taken on the huge task of running the Burton Heritage Campground. They are very proud of their accomplishments and upgrades.

Karey has hopes for the future, and for Burton, and it shows in his smile. Thank you Karey and family for all you do.



Buzzing Burton (Calendar)

Ongoing

Sundays, 10 am—noon

Technology Centre—with Jerome—at the Hall

Mondays at 7 pm, except on holidays.

Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade practice at the Fire Hall. New volunteers always welcome.

Fitness at the Hall (see article page 7)

Mon and Fri. 8:30-10:30 am — Wed 9-11am

Tues. and Thurs.— 6-8 pm (Please check FB)

Pickleball (see article page 7)

Monday and Wednesday 9am at outdoor courts, or in inclement weather, 3:45pm at the school..

September 2025

September 15-18

Burton school children canvassing

for the Terry Fox Run.

Tuesday, September 16, 7 pm, at the Hall

Burton Community Park Renewal

Public meeting with Columbia Basin Trust & BCA

Wednesday, September 17 and 24, 10 am—noon.

Nature Sprouts—Burton Historical Park

Applegrove Nature School. 250-265-1090

Wednesday, September 17, 9 am-3 pm

Service Canada office open (closed noon-1pm)

204-6th Ave NW Nakusp

Friday, September 19, 10 am—3 pm

Adventure Club—Burton Historical Park

Applegrove Nature School. 250-265-1090

Saturday, September 20, 11 am at the Hall.

Fridays Sept 26, Oct. 3, 10, 9-noon, at the Garden

Bee Happy Garden Market

Fresh fruit and vegetables

By donation. BYOB (bring your own bag)

Saturday, September 20, 11 am —3 pm

HARVEST CELEBRATION—at the Hall

Bee Happy Garden Luncheon 11 am.

Apple Pie Contest. 1:30 pm

Scarecrow Contest 3:00 pm

(See article Page 2)

For info call Brenda 250-265-1174.

Sunday, September 21

International Day of Peace (World Peace Day)

2025 Theme: Act Now for a Peaceful World

Tuesday, September 23, 3:30—5:30 pm.

Welcome Back BBQ at the school

Burton PAC

Info: call Dawn 780-307-3284

Wednesday, September 24, 8:30 am, Burton Loop

Terry Fox Run—all school grades.

Thursday, September 25, 4:30-6:30 pm

Celebrate Diversity with WorkBC

205 6th Ave. NW, Nakusp

October 2025

Wednesday, October 1, 15, 29, 11 am—3 pm

Quilting and More at the Hall

Monday, October 6, 6:30 pm, at the Hall

Burton Community Association Meeting (BCA)

Wednesday, October 8, 15, 22, 10 am—noon.

Nature Sprouts

Applegrove Nature School. 250-265-1090

Friday, October 10, and 24, 10 am—3 pm

Adventure Club

Applegrove Nature School. 250-265-1090

Friday, October 10, 7 pm

Bingo at the Hall

Saturday, October 11, 6 pm, at the Hall

Texas Hold-Em Poker Night (see Pg5)

Fundraiser for the Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade

Monday, October 13, Thanksgiving Holiday

October—TBA - watch for notices

Harvest Festival—BCA Community Pot Luck

Thursday, October 23 , 30, 11:30 am-12:30 p.m.

Senior's Exercise with Broden McLean

At the Hall—(see Pg7)

For info call Broden: 250-265-1957