

Burton Busy-Beeline

Burton BC—On the road to exactly nowhere



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Photos: Volunteers in the Busy Bee Garden, The Busy Bee Shed, Veggies, and Hilling the Community Potato Patch



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Don't Worry – Bee Happy

Feeling pressures of life? Come along and Bee Happy in Burton's Community Garden. Gardening is such a great distraction – getting hands into the soil, planting, and reaping a harvest of delicious organic food.

It's been three years since the old Burton riding gymkhana, near the campground, was repurposed. The project was initiated by the Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) and the Food Security Program in partnership with the Burton Community Association (BCA).

This year a volunteer group of gardeners is keeping it going. While volunteers (Margret, Inga, Mary, Liz, Gary and Leanne, Carol, Jack and Jan, Alice, Dawn and Karen) have their own as-

signed plots, there are community plots, for the intent of the garden is **to grow food for the Burton community**. It is also a learning place as students and teachers from Burton Elementary plant, weed, tend and reap.

On July 2, all volunteers met at the garden to discuss and resolve issues like hoses and watering (soaker hoses are being installed), equipment, a map of the gardens (now completed), a sign-up board for work needing to be done, how to distribute produce, and how to raise funds to sustain the garden for next year. *(Continued on Page 2)*



Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but takes you nowhere.

We gratefully acknowledge that we live on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Sinixt Peoples, and honour their ongoing presence on the Land

Buzz Word (Editorial)

THANKYOU!

THANK YOU all those who have supported the creation of this new little newspaper/newsletter.

THANK YOU Phil for the jokes.

THANK YOU all the volunteers who have kept and keep events, activities, and the community going, in the past, in the present, and into the future.

THANK YOU!

In addition, I am most thankful for living in such a beautiful area, for the natural splendours, for having a roof over my head, running water, a flushing toilet, food in the cupboard, peace and comfort, and enough stuff.

When knowing that many millions around the world do not have these things, are facing homelessness through the devastation of war, are encountering starvation, I **am doubly thankful.**

Why Busy-Beeline

After hearing local residents say, "I didn't know that was happening," it came to mind that not everyone in the Burton Area is on internet, or visits Facebook and the Burton Community page, or visits the Burton Website at www.burtonbc.ca. Besides, any notices posted on Facebook **disappear very quickly** in the myriad of listings, from events, to job opportunities, and in general, all sorts of area and out-of-area news.

The solution, after discussion with residents, is to create a printed community newspaper/newsletter, with a page of events that can be posted on the refrigerator and referred to throughout the month.

Why the 15th of the month?

Most community meetings take

place at the beginning of the month, so, to get the latest news and information out to the community, the 15th seemed most logical. The name **Busy-Beeline** reflects the busy-ness of the community, and, of course, bees that are important for the Bee Happy Community Garden. And, 'beeline' refers to getting to something directly. In this case, news, views and upcoming events.

The design of the Busy-Beeline is simple so that it can be run off on a little inkjet printer, and by using simple MS Publisher on an old Dell desktop computer with Windows 7. Copies will be made available on the Burton Community Hall bulletin board, and on the Bulletin Board in front of Caribou Auto, etc.

PDF copies will also be available through www.burtonbc.ca.

When we had sheep, we had a very efficient sheep dog who helped us control the flock. At the end of one day, he herded the sheep into the paddock.

I inquired if he was sure all the sheep were there.

'Of course,' he said. 'All 40 of them are in.'

'But,' I protested, 'I only own 37 sheep.'

'Well,' he replied, 'at the end of the day, my job is to round them up.'

(Don't Worry—Bee Happy—Cont. from Page 1)

Last fall several Burton area families received the bounties, and residents were treated at an Open House to soups made from the vegetables grown on site. This year there will be a Bee Happy Lunch during the Fall Fair, on September 20, as a fundraiser.

Of course, more volunteers (no experience necessary) are always welcome. Singing is also welcomed,

like Bobby McFerrin's song, "Don't worry, be happy."

To volunteer call Jan at 604-345-3757. And come out to the next meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. at the garden. And it's not too late to start a patch of your own, ready for next year.

So, if you are in the area... do check out the garden. And be sure to close the gate... you just never know what wildlife will be wanting a nibble or two.

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Burton Busy-Beeline is published on the 15th of each month. All event listings, news and more to be given to the Editor by the 10th of each month. Copies can be picked up for FREE at the Burton Community Hall, and from the Bulletin Board by Caribou Auto. Please share.

Burton Historical Park Campground

It's summertime and the Burton Historical Park campground, situated right on the Arrow Lakes, is buzzing with activity. Registration for the summer began in January and it didn't take long to fill up. Burton is evidently a favourite spot for summer travellers.

Campground manager Sarah Bilo-deau and her team are being kept on their toes, non-stop everyday, responding to calls, checking and cleaning sites, helping arrivals, fulfilling wood orders, and taking collections every evening; in general, maintaining the whole park. It's a big job and anyone visiting or taking a wee drive around will see Sarah and team are doing it magnificently. Meanwhile, in the off-season, local volunteers Denny, Christine, Ian and Karey helped

with cleanup and Wildfire Mitigation.

Thanks to the Burton Community Association (BCA), regional grants, and plenty of grunt work, there have been several upgrades and improvements this past year, including washrooms, signage, and, for the safety of campers and guests, speed bumps.

One thing Burton lacks is a little convenience store, so this year a concession is being set up.

The campground, while a Class-C Provincial Park, is run totally by the BCA with proceeds helping support the maintenance and operation of the Burton Community Hall.

For more information and registration, visit the campground web site at www.burtonhistoricalpark.com.

Phone: 250-265-4885.

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My 12-year old nephew came into the kitchen and asked if he could try some coffee; so I gave him a cup.

After a sip he protested, 'Yuck! This stuff tastes like dirt.'

'Of course it does', I said. 'It was ground this morning.'



Above: Fire Chief Brian Harrop shows the new PPE equipment. Below: Everything ready to jump into when there's a fire.



Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade

It's been a very busy year for the Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade as the organization became a stand-alone society, like those of Fauquier and Edgewood. At the BCA AGM earlier this year, a vote was taken (64 votes for, one against) to help them through the first year with a financial grant. Thankfully we have a much-needed fire brigade for this coming year.

What followed in June was an invitation to residents to help with weeding and odd jobs, and to check out the Burton Fire Hall and the new equipment.

Two fire trucks, the red and white one, and the old yellow one, were parked outside. Meanwhile chief Brian Harrop showed the new PPE Turnout Gear (PPE = personal protection equipment) which the Hall received, thanks to a grant.

Right: the new portable fire-fighting skid. Below: Some of the fire crew, all volunteers, cleaning out the 5000 gallon water-bladder.

Change is inevitable—except from vending machines.

Imagine a fire call and your volunteers rush to the hall - with just minutes, nay, seconds, to get on their gear and jump on the fire truck. Gear is always ready, with boots, to be jumped right into.

Also new is the portable fire fighting skid which can be placed in the back of a pick-up truck. It was donated by the regional deputy fire chief.

Around the walls is all the necessary equipment to fight a fire, and for crew safety, and more. Meanwhile the crew were busy cleaning the water bladder that holds 5000 gallons of water - so necessary when outside the village water system. Water can be pumped into the bladder from a creek, or have water dropped by a helicopter.

THANK YOU all for being the necessary volunteers and service for the Burton area.

Watch for more news in August about fundraising events.



Wildfire Training

A dedicated crew volunteered their time this past month to take Wildfire Training. Doug from APEX out of Nelson led a team of seven members from the Burton Fire Brigade, a few community members, as well as crew mem-

bers from Fauquier and Nakusp, in their S100 and S185 courses.

All participants are now trained to work along side BC Wildfire, if need be.

Thankyous are extended to Fire Chief Brian Harrop for organizing the event, and to Kamini for all the amazing food.



Burton Walkway

Take a walk on Nature's wild side - beautiful and stunning at any time of the year.

The **Burton Walkway** was established in 2003 by Burton Seniors. It is a 1 km walking and bicycling trail (no motorized vehicles) that meanders along the Lower Arrow Lake (reservoir) and around the Burton Flats, between the Historical Park Campground and Cemetery.

Friends of the Burton Walkway are dedicated to its management, with

an annual trail clean-up and improvements. In 2022 the group initiated a project to map the walkway (see photos). Future plans include signage, ongoing research and documentation of the Cemetery, and work to stop erosion near the campground. And now the group has made application to the BC Register of Historical Places to recognize the Burton Historical Cemetery as a place of significance.

For more information, visit www.burtonbc.ca.

Contact Liz Gillis, 250-265-3538.



Wildfire Risk Reduction

Amber Cooke RFT, Land and Resources Coordinator for Ministry of Forests, gave a presentation at the Hall on the proposed Treatment Area (TA) south of Burton for Wildfire Risk Reduction. (See map.) It's all about removing fire fuels and creating a fire resilient buffer, to protect the community, and is expected to take about two years.

The successful contractor is Baumanis Timber Contracting Ltd and because of weather and fire danger ratings, start-up will most probably be in the fall, or maybe earlier if there are cooler temperatures and precipitation.

This will affect trails around Burton. The community will be kept informed and signage will be posted to let trail users know to stay away from the hazardous work areas, especially while work is in process.

What is appreciated is the consideration of so many aspects for this kind of plan that is filled with regulations and specifications. For example, bird migration and nesting are respected, along with archeological sites, and Indigenous consultations.

Unfortunately, there are many diseased trees in the area, from bark fir beetle. These will hopefully be removed. Regulations require at least 10 good wildlife trees to be left per hectare.

When trees are taken, if they are merchantable, the contractor will pay a stumpage fee. One benefit will be firewood for Burton residents, to be picked up.

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

Watch for bulletins on the FB Community Page, and on the Burtonbc.ca website and in the next issue of Burton Busy Beeline.



Wildfire Risk Reduction site for Burton, outlined in orange.

Burton Community Association (BCA)

The Burton Community Association (BCA) meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall and will resume in September. The current volunteer board members are: Karey Bilo-deau, chair; Warren Detta, treasurer; Wanda Buerge, Dave Doncaster and Dan Adshead as directors.

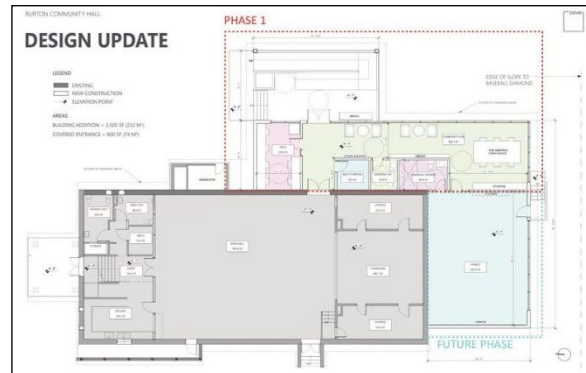
On May 26 there was an open-house to present proposed plans for the Hall. There were many questions and suggestions. Of course, the bottom line is - COST. Would it raise taxes? NO! Sarah Holst and the team have been chasing grants, and should the community wish this expansion to go ahead, they will chase up more.

Called the HUB, the plans CAN AND WILL BE CHANGED to meet any suggestions, requirements, issues, that come up. The drawing you see here is by

no means the final. It is but a concept at the beginning of the design process. What is most important is input from the community, and community support.

To add your voice, e-mail bca@burtonbc.ca.

THANK YOU TEAM for all that you have done so far.



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**

WildSafe BC - Lana Schalow

arrowslocanlakes@wildsafebc.com

RDCK Emergency Operations Centre

250-352-7701 or **1-866-522-7701**

Services

Community Medical Bus 250-265-3674

BC Transit—Burton to Nakusp 1-855-993-3100 #2

Saddle Mountain Medical 250-265-3694

People's Pharmacy 250-265-2228

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

Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS)
250-265-5253

Garbage and Recycling—Transfer Station

—Chris Jackins—250-265-5181

Community

Burton Community Association

E-mail: bca@burtonbc.ca

Burton Community Hall bookings

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

Arrow Lakes School #10

Burton Elementary—250-265-3638

Animal Control Officer

Jackie Kilburn 250-265-1580

Welcome Committee

Rosalie Cranna—250-265-0161

Inga Ivany 250-265-4771

Bee Happy Community Garden—604-345-3757

Regional District Central Kootenay (RDCK)

Teresa Weatherhead—250-265-8252

Main Businesses

Caribou (Auto) Services 250-265-3191

Hair Tenders 250-265-8166 or 265-3848

Burton City Cider 250-265-7044

Hub Insurance 250-265-3631

Bits and Bobs

Water

Word from RDCK and BCA is that the lock placed on the tap at the cemetery is a mystery, not their doing. Meanwhile, there has been upgrade work on the water system this past month. There are only 54 hook-ups with costs that are well over \$6 million.

There is now a Burton Water System Community Advisory Committee in place to keep locals up to date on information. Advocacy is underway, but it will take time for answers or solutions.

Camping on the Flats

A recent Burton Community Facebook post had description and photos of garbage and human excrement left on the Flats by campers. Comments on the page spoke of disrespect of the Flats and of the community. Some suggested putting large blocks on the lanes to

stop vehicles. Some suggested signage. However, it is understood that signs, such as No Mudbogging, are ignored.

The question raised is – ‘Should community take some form of action?’

Let us know your opinion. Send along an e-mail to BBB, or call 250-265-4154.

Reservoir Levels

On June 18, BC Hydro held a zoom information session on the Columbia and Duncan operations. For a copy of the presentation information contact Susan Edgell, Community Relations, BC Hydro. Phone 778-694-9386 or e-mail susan.edgell@bchydro.com.

Burton Seniors

After a challenging year for the organization, events and activities are presently on hold. For information please call Gale Detta at 250-265-3191.

Smile of the Month—

Chris Jackins

You cannot deny it, Chris Jackins has an amazing smile. And just about everyone in Burton has met him – at the Transfer Station. He’s there in all kinds of weather to help folks with their garbage and recycling (assisted by Cheryl), and then hauls it away.

But that’s just one side of Chris for he wears many hats. He’s a VERY busy man.

Chris gives to the community, quietly, in the background, and during a quick interview he said, “As community members there’s something we each can give, in some capacity. It’s not about me, but about trying to create something I experienced as a kid.”

He was born in North Bay, Ontario, and his family eventually moved to Nakusp, then in 1980, to Burton.

Chris has always been community minded. As a young man he was on several boards in Nakusp, and worked in programs for youth..

Then in 2008 he moved to Australia where, again, he worked with young people, and he managed a few government contracts.

It was Christmas 2021 when Chris and his family moved back to Burton, to build a life here again.

That New Year he wondered what he could do for his family, something that he couldn’t do in Australia. The answer? Fireworks.

“I informed the community and had about ten people come and watch.” Now with donations and proceeds from the pop bottles at the Transfer Station, the New Year’s Eve Firework display has become a big event.

“This year it will be a fundraiser for the Fire Hall,” Chris added.



That’s another one of Chris’ hats—volunteer firefighter.

“As a people we can be divided, so it’s important to come together. When I grew up here there was an amazing group of adults who did what they could for us. They are now seniors and we are the next generation to help make Burton a beautiful place to live.”

Buzzing Burton (Calendar)

Burton is a very small community with a core of volunteers who are the organizers, go-toers and doers, and helpers for activities. Summer time is a time for a rest so you will note there is not much listed for July and August this year.

July 2025

Tuesday, July 15.

First issue of Burton Busy Beeline.

Available at the Bulletin Board in front of Caribou Service, and outside the Community Hall.

Monday, July 28 to Wednesday July 30, 2025

Applegrove Nature School Summer Camp

Burton Historical Park

Suits Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Phone: Daniela Brehm, 250-265-1090.

E-mail: applegrovenatureschool@hotmail.com.

August 2025

Wednesday, August 6^h, 9:30 a.m.

Bee Happy Community Garden meeting

At the garden.

Sunday, August 10

Deadline for listings and information for Burton Busy Beeline.

Friday, August 15

Second issue of Burton Busy Beeline.

September 2025

More activities for September will be posted in the August issue of Burton Busy Beeline—for Burton Commu-

nity Learning Centre (BCLC) exercise programs and computer help, community meetings, quilting and more.

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Back to School Day

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Bee Happy Community Garden Meeting

At the garden, weather permitting, or at the Hall.

Monday, September 8, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Burton Community Association (BCA) Meeting

Burton Community Hall

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Deadline for listings and information for Burton Busy Beeline

Monday, September 15, 2025

Burton Busy Beeline available.

Friday, September 19, 3-6 p.m.

Burton Fall Fair Set-up & Judging

Burton Community Hall

Time to bring entries for the Burton Fall Fair.

(Entry forms available beforehand)

From art to veggies, baking, canning, knitting, sewing, etc. For info—Brenda Buerge 250-265-1174

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Burton Fall Fair & Bee Happy Luncheon

Burton Community Hall

Come see all the community creations. Enjoy a lunch provided by the Bee Happy Community Garden.

If anyone is interested in helping, or has ideas in any aspect of the Fall Fair, like a possible pot luck in the evening, please contact Brenda Buerge 250-265-1174 or e-mail burtoncrafts@gmail.com.

I asked my daughter to pass me the phonebook.

She said, 'You're such a dinosaur about technology, Dad. Here, take my iPhone—it's so easy to use.' So... now the spider is dead, the iPhone is broken, and my daughter is mad at me.

This sign tends to raise a chuckle. The English language can often be confusing—and amusing. So at the transfer station, are we 'refused'? On a serious note, don't forget Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Chris Jackins as your host, assisted by Cheryl. It's also a super place for re-purposing and **recycling**.

