

Burton Busy-Beeline

Burton BC—On the way to exactly nowhere



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Below: Matthew, Ryken and Bodhi decoding.
Above: Fynn, Astrid, Jaxson and Mable giving an intelligence report with Daniela.
Above right: Spy tools (ID badge, book, decoder, periscopes), Astrid's owl mask, Fynn's Morse Code.
Far right: Reed, Dax and William uncovering a clue made with invisible ink.



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Mission Evergreen - Spies Afoot

Hidden behind the Burton community garden, in the lands of the old gymkhana, young voices were raised in excitement. Three groups of children (ten children in all) were dashing amongst trees and shrubbery looking for clues. They were on a top-secret spy mission.

It was Mission Evergreen – Spy Camp, a summer program facilitated by Daniela Brehm of the Applegrove Nature School. Children were experiencing four days of amazing adventures, away from electronics, into nature, and totally engrossed in creativity.

Daniela explained, “Day one was spy training, setting up headquarters and making their own ID badges. On day two we

made gadgets, like charcoal pens, binoculars, periscopes, and note books, while on day three we learned about communication – how to use Morse Code, invisible inks and disguises. Today, on day four, we received a top-secret mission, to find a package.”

Hoots and hollers came from around as one clue after another was found.

In headquarters Fynn, Astrid, Jaxson, and Mable were giving an intelligence report after finding their clues, and Matthew, Ryken and Bodhi set to decoding another, with their decoder. At a separate station Reed, Dax and William uncovered a message written in invisible ink. Creative minds were busy as work.

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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)

The Buzz Word this month remains “Thank You,” especially to those who have contributed to this issue: Phil for jokes; Daniela for your amazing work with children; all the gardeners at the Bee Happy Garden and recipes; Isabelle for sharing and for all you do for Burton; Lana for information on ground squirrels (which ate quite a bit of my early garden); Rosalie for stopping by with news of newcomers, and more; Brenda for community spirit, et al. In fact, thank you to all those who in whatever way they can, help make a difference.

Not everyone can be out and about and doing. As we know, there is an amazing power in prayer (or meditation, or thinking good vibes) for the betterment of all, the healing of all. Every thought helps. And right now, this world can sure use a lot of positivity.

Meanwhile, a huge bald eagle sits by Caribou Creek – knowing a feast is on the way - as Kokanee will begin their miraculous journey upstream to spawn.

There’s so much to be thankful for. If you would like to contribute an item, letter, poem, please send it along—contact me by phone, or if you have internet, by e-mail. Peace be with you.

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A huge box was finally found but a key was missing and three keys were needed to open it. All gathered around in excitement as the code word was broken, keys were finally found and turned, then wow, inside were such treats for the afternoon party.

Operation Wild Goose was completed.

“There is structure in a nature school theme, but also freedom for the children to just be,” added Daniela, who is a certified teacher, and it’s obvious as she leads the camp. “Every afternoon includes free-play. And everything we use is made from repurposed junk, like the periscopes made from cereal boxes.”

Comments from the children included: “I’m having fun.” “I enjoyed building forts and gadgets.” “Me and Astrid made gadgets, and a

spear.”

It was their last day, so after their lunch the children were being treated to a fun nature party.

Daniela had provided everything imaginable for them, including tarps for making forts, beads for alarms, and of course, all the materials for deciphering clues.

“While I do have a plan and intent behind each activity, we do not follow a strict schedule, rather we follow the children’s natural rhythm and interests throughout the day.” What a gift for the children of the area – camaraderie, adventures in nature, and surprises. And the chance to just BE KIDS!

Thank you, Daniela. And thank you for letting this roving reporter join in for a wee while.

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Left: Box has been found but we’re missing a key.

Middle: Deciphering the last clue then turning the keys.

Right: Treasure has been found—supplies for a wonderful party.

If you are still awake when your cows are asleep in the field, it’s pasture bedtime.

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Food, glorious food...

Food, glorious food! We're anxious to try it
Three banquets a day, our favourite diet...

From "Food, Glorious Food" by Lionel Bart

Yes, we're anxious - to try the results of the Bee Happy Community Garden. The dedicated team of volunteers (Margret, Inga, Mary, Karen, Leanne, Gary, Carol, Liz, Jack, Jan, Dawn, Alice, newcomers David, Melissa and Denise) have been working hard to keep everything growing. And wow, has everything grown.

A very creative system of hoses and sprinklers has been installed, with five stations, using poles and car rims (see photo). And the challenging soils are continuously being amended. It's zuke and cuke (see recipes), and bean time. And there's fruit on local fruit trees - and berries. Soon there will be potatoes, tomatoes, kale, garlic, beans and more.

While the garden is presently supporting 25 families with produce from the community plots (see *Bouquets*), there have also been donations from the Bee Happy gardener's own plots, and from locals who have extra produce in their own gar-

dens. If your family would like to have or donate produce please call Margret at 250-265-4348.

To help with food distribution the group is starting a **Bee Happy Pop-Up Market on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Garden**, with fruits and vegetables available - by donation to help raise funds for next year. The first Market will be **Friday, August 15**, and will carry on through to the end of September. (Please BYOB = Bring Your Own Bag)



Fruit Fridays

BEE HAPPY COMMUNITY GARDEN
Pop-up Market

TRY OUR LOCAL PRODUCE!

Fresh fruit and vegetables grown at the Bee Happy Community Garden and by local gardeners will be available for purchase

FRIDAYS @ 9am to 12pm
Starting **August 15th**
through to **September 26th**

Your purchase and donation directly supports Burton's community garden. We share fresh produce with local people who can benefit from this support. **THANK YOU!**

LOCATION of the market is at **BEE HAPPY COMMUNITY GARDEN** just before the campground on Lakeview Park Rd.

There was a very nice paddle for sale at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

Cucumber Drink

Simply refreshing on a hot Summer Day

2 Large cucumbers chopped

1 whole lime chopped

Do not peel cukes, place cukes and lime in a large blender. Fill blender 3/4 full with water- blend well. Strain contents- squeeze out as much juice as possible.

Sweeten to taste with a simple syrup

Add mint if you like.

(Simple syrup is 1 cup water 1 cup sugar)

Add ice Enjoy

My friend went bald years ago, but he still carries around his favourite comb. He just can't part with it.

Bouquets

To the Bee Happy Garden from a community member: Absolutely Amazing!! Such a healthy contribution to our community! Very thoughtful, Well organized, and so supportive for bringing back the old ways that we can't lose!

Growing our own food, keeps us all so much more healthier on so many levels... Spiritually, mentally, and physically.

Also, very important to teach our children to continue these Earthly ways and knowledge, To teach our further generations to come ♥☐

Thanks again, so much

Ground Squirrels in Burton

(Submitted)

Ground squirrels, mice, chipmunks, rats, gophers, and marmots are all burrowing rodents that may be found in British Columbia. Their most active time of year is usually from late Spring to Autumn. Occasionally these species can be in conflict with humans by frequenting yards and gardens, burrowing, disturbing or eating vegetation.

Bird feed, fruiting trees or shrubs, and compost are common attractants, so proper management is key to keeping animals wild. Gardening in raised beds with wire mesh bottoms is generally helpful at keeping rodents from feeding in and occupying the space. Wrapping the trunks of fruit trees can prevent rodent damage.

On a safety note, a reminder to refrain from feeding or handling these animals and that it is possible for them to attract larger predatory animals in their pres-

ence. Please see provincial and local regulations for specifics prior to population mitigation.

For more information on “Keeping Wildlife Wild and Communities Safe” please see WildSafeBC.com or email Lana Schalow, WildSafeBC Arrow Slokan Lakes Community Coordinator at arrowslocan-lakes@wildsafebc.com.



A couple of years ago, we had an unfortunate experience here at our house. We had been in bed for about a half hour when we heard some unusual noises from downstairs. I decided to investigate, but being a bit of a coward, I made no attempt to be quiet--in the hopes that I would scare away the intruder. Sure enough, partway down the stairs, I heard a door slam shut and footsteps running away from our abode. I

continued downstairs to see if I could discover what, if anything, was missing. I found everything in order, except for the fact that there were three eggs on the counter, and a pan of water heating up on the stove. This was a puzzle until the answer came to me. We had not been visited by thieves or hooligans. No indeed--we had actually been the victims of poachers!

Rosemary's Ramblings

Life can change—in a moment

Life for a very good friend of mine, a senior, changed in a moment. She was on a walk in her neighbourhood when an unleashed dog left its owner and ran at her, knocking her down. Her leg was fractured requiring a stay in hospital. The fracture never fully healed.

She remained in a care home, in a wheelchair for several months. Because she could no longer climb stairs or walk up steps, she had to sell her house and

move into an apartment.

The injury left her completely debilitated, unable to live as she had done, and her life was filled with pain. In time the condition became much worse and left her totally immobile, unable to function.

My friend died two years ago. I really miss her. She was a beacon of light, an incredible artist, passionate and joyful, full of love; but in the end, there was no life.

So, when thinking 'my dog would never do that,' please think again. Please leash your dog.. Those who do— thank you!

Bits & Bobs

Water

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.

At the time of publication, Burton Busy-Beeline has no further information or solutions for the Village. Do you have some thoughts and ideas to share?

Animal Control By-Laws

There has been concern in the community about dog control. Unfortunately Burton no longer has an Animal Control Officer, and doesn't presently fall under the Animal Control By-Laws of Nakusp and immediate area. However, new Animal Control By-laws are in the works and will cover all of RDCK Area K.

Reservoir Levels

For a information on water levels, contact Susan Edgell, Community Relations, BC Hydro. Phone 778-694-9386 or e-mail susan.edgell@bchydro.com.

Wildfire Risk Reduction

The contractor is waiting for fire danger ratings to be consistently low before they start up operations for Burton. For information contact Amber Cooke, RMT, at Amber.Cooke@gov.bc.ca or phone 778-364-0676.

Burtonbc.ca Website

Jerome says the Burton Website is presently in the hands of a professional website builder and undergoing reconstruction, so information is not up-to-date.

Burton Seniors

For information please call Gale Detta at 250-265-3191.

BROOMHILDA



Forever Coleslaw

- 1/2 head of cabbage shredded
- 1 medium carrot grated
- 1/2 medium onion chopped

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 TBSP salt
- 1/2 TBSP celery seed

Bring dressing to a boil - pour over cabbage mix.
Press to cover cabbage.
Refrigerate - good for a couple of weeks.

Let's help each other while we can
and we'll all surely see,
just how much more beautiful
this whole wide world could be.

From the song "How it is" by Gary Layne

Welcome to Burton

Rosalie and Inga of Burton Welcome Wagon have welcomed the following to the community.
Kristina Morgensen & Randy Nyland
Chelsea & Colin Hanet, Linda & Glenn Moyer
and Tim Levitt. **See you around!**

New businesses in Burton!

Redhaven Homestead—5230 Hwy 6, Burton. Lindsay features preserves, baked breads, and fresh produce from the farm, along with skin care products and more. I tried out the raspberry jam—delicious. Open Friday to Sunday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.



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**

People's Pharmacy **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 (Canada Post)

1-866-267-1177 or 250-265-3337

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

Arrow & Slokan 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**

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**

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**

Catherine Bische Pies

Redhaven Homestead **250-265-8760**

Redhaven Healing **250-265-8760**

Rewild Farm Stand 734 McCormack

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

If you know of any services or businesses that should/could be included here, please let us know.

Zucchini-Cucumber Spiralled Salad

1 small green zucchini

1 small yellow zucchini

1 cucumber unpeeled

1 carrot

Spiralize the above - put aside

1/2 red or yellow or orange pepper diced or finely sliced

1/2 medium red or yellow onion diced or finely sliced

Mix all together with dressing

1 1/2 - 2 Tbsp Sushi seasoned vinegar or (rice vinegar slightly sweetened with sugar or sweetener of your choice)

1 Tbsp. light salad oil

Mix all together - it will keep in the fridge for several days.

Smile of the Month— Isabelle Bergeron

“Great things can happen in Burton,” says Isabelle Bergeron. “There’s lots of positivity going on – as far as you can dream. If you feel you can create something different - then you can do it!”

Isabelle has done just that, sitting on the Hall Board (BCA) for three years, then being part of the Burton Community Learning Centre (BCLC).

“When the school was closing, in 2012, we wanted to keep the building open. A group stuck together and created a society and a framework.”

The school has since reopened. “We have to adapt. We now have a change in demographics from when I first came. We have a lot of new, younger families, and that is fantastic. That generation is well positioned to take on the community, to make life enjoyable for their generation. It is happening. There are movers and shakers coming from that group, and I feel I can step back, to pass on the baton.”

Meanwhile, Isabelle feels it would be great for the BCLC to have its own gymnasium space. “The stage is not ideal, but it is what we have and we are grateful to have access to equipment that helps keep the community healthy.”

Isabelle believes that if you want something to happen you have to help make it so, to take the initiative. “In a small community you can’t sit around and wait for something to happen. It’s important to get involved for it to be vibrant.”

Many in Burton will know Isabelle from her presentations at AGM meetings, and more. She stands tall.

Standing tall for Isabelle comes from growing up on a farm in Alma, Quebec, attending university through the military, retiring when she was a captain, then working on the oil patch.

“I had children, then decided to stay home. We bought property in Burton, started building a cottage, and moved here in 2008. We have never looked back.

“We like and enjoy the people and love the area. It suits our lifestyle. I’ve met a lot of really good people, and made friends.”

Isabelle’s smile says it all. Thank you, Isabelle, for all you do and have done!



There is a disease that makes you tell nothing but airplane jokes. Unfortunately there is no cure. It's terminal.

Buzzing Burton (Calendar)

If you know of any events and/or activities that should/could be included, please let us know. The following is the best that could be included at the time of publication.

Ongoing

Mondays at 7 p.m. except on holidays.

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

August 2025

Fridays August 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m.—noon.

Bee Happy Garden Pop-Up Market

Fresh fruit and vegetables from the Bee Happy Garden—at the garden on Lakeview Park Road.
By donation. BYOB (*bring your own bag*)

Fridays, August 15 and on (9 a.m.-noon)

Community Yard (Lawn) Sale

130 Lakeview Park Road by the Bee Happy Garden.
To coincide with the Pop-Up Market.
Anyone can come and sell, so come-on down.
Phone Brenda at 250-265-1174.

September 2025

Fridays September 5, 12, 19, 26, 9 a.m.—noon.

Bee Happy Garden Pop-Up Market

Fresh fruit and vegetables from the Bee Happy Garden—at the garden on Lakeview Park Road.
By donation. BYOB (*bring your own bag*)

BCLC exercise programs at the Hall.

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).
Please check the bulletin board at the Hall and the Facebook Community page.

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.

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Technology Centre—with Jerome—at the Hall

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

Burton Community Association Meeting

Burton Community Hall. Come along and find out what's happening for the hall, the sportsgrounds, the community, as this dedicated team of volunteers helps take care of Burton.

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Deadline for listings and information for Burton Busy Beeline

Monday, September 15, 2025

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Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m. and on...

Bee Happy Garden Luncheon

(Harvest Luncheon)

Apple Pie Contest.

Scarecrow Contest

Details to follow in the September 15 issue of the Burton Busy-Beeline and community notices. Be prepared for a fun and delicious day. Yummy.
For info call Brenda Buerge 250-265-1174.
(Sponsored by the Bee Happy Community Garden and Burton Seniors.)

October 2025

Bingo will be starting up in October.

Saturday, October 11 at the Hall

Texas Hold-Em Poker Night

Fundraiser for the Burton Volunteer Fire Brigade

Somebody vandalized my calendar by ripping out the 5th month. Let me tell you--I was totally dismayed.