

West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Assn

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ABBREVIATED WPRRA Newsletter

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EARTH DAY

Dear fellow Ratepayers...

Well, it's been an interesting several weeks now. Where does the time go?

I hope you and your families are well and staying busy, healthy and calm at this very surreal and unpredictable time in our lives.

This is to bring our members up to date as to what has been happening with the WPRRA and your neighbours and fellow board members.

We've cancelled one board meeting and one newsletter that might otherwise have gone out near the end of March. The newsletter will have to wait, as will events and social gatherings...Not to mention School!

We would have held Earth Day this past weekend, but fellow board members continue to do their part by picking up garbage almost daily (put my name right up there!) We have had great success in reporting the myriad illegal dumps down on Colebrook to the City. Colebrook is still the number one preference for the large dumps. Even with reduced driving and fewer fast food places open, the daily litter does not go away. I hope I live so long as to see some sort of change in humanity!

The City, even with the layoffs, have been great in reacting to calls...By-laws and other calls for service. Along with an increase in racing, there has been an increase in radar by Surrey RCMP down on Colebrook, so even if you are "a bit over", be warned.

This week would have been our Annual AGM and that too has been put by the wayside as we see how to proceed with gatherings going forward. This was also the meeting where most of you paid up your memberships, so if you are one of those, please remain a current member: funds are still being accepted to darryn_langstaff@telus.net

AND, as most of you have noticed, our streets and sidewalks are full of walkers, cyclists, and a lot of unfamiliar faces in the Parks. Who would ever have thought that so many folks would have "found" Colebrook Park, Joe Brown or clogged the parking lot at Mud Bay on a consistent basis? For the most part, I have seen good social distancing, and most people playing by the "new rules" as we adapt to Covid 19 regulations.

Some of you have had pot banging or anthem singing sessions in your neighbourhoods and I hope we are all looking out for our neighbours, elderly or stuck at home. It's always good to say "hi" or give a friendly wave, even from across the street as we zig and zag amongst the walkers, dogs and cyclists.

We have had success engaging in virtual meetings with City staff as we work to keep the momentum going on various projects, including preparedness & community gathering space development.

This new way of life has also given us a lot of thought to being more prepared. We have been working on the NEPP (neighbourhood emergency preparedness plan) for almost 2 years. Some groups had hosted awareness

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events and we are so close to a BIG rollout for this ambitious project. The arrival of a Pandemic has changed the way we all think about how we prepare going forward. Whether it be stocking up on toilet paper, flour or yeast, or buying extra freezers, we've all had to rethink some aspects in our daily lives.

A lot more of us are planting vegetable gardens and the work people are getting done in their gardens? WOW!! Could we have ever thought that we'd be this far ahead and enjoying some of the best Spring weather in many years?

We look to a time when we can all be closer together, celebrate our success and the great work the Province of B.C. has done in "flattening the curve".

Please be well and healthy and safe.

With kindness and gratitude ...I'm so happy I live in this Community.

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