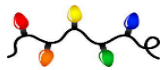


A QUICK LOOK BACK



Savona Community Association Holiday Lights: Did you have a chance to drive around Savona during the month of December? There seemed to be more Christmas lights around the community compared to 2022 – it was so nice to see! The SCA had their annual holiday lights event where community members were able to vote on their favorite light display in town. For the 2023 Christmas season were, the Top 3 most voted:

- (1) John & Sherry Prochnau (Buis Street)
- (2) Darren & Dallas Embury (Watson East)
- (3) Linda Willey (Watson East)

BURNING PERMITS



Just a reminder that if you are spring cleaning and would like to burn yard waste in your yard – **you need a burning permit**. The burning permits are FREE and are good for two weeks. Bylaw No. 184 – open burning in Spring burning is restricted to the month of March and April. The permit allows for a Category 2 open backyard burning.

Contact the office to get your Spring burning permit

INTEREST RATE ON 2023 TAXES IN ARREARS OR DELINQUENT

The Province of BC has let Improvement Districts know that the interest rate established under Section 11(3) of the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* shall be 10.20%.

10.20% will be added to accounts of property owners who have not paid their 2023 taxes and statements will be mailed out in March.

EDUCATION BURSARY



The 2024 Savona Fire Rescue Bursary is available for a local high school graduate. If you know of a Savona student in Grade 12 who attends South Kamloops Secondary School – let them know that there is a **Savona Fire Rescue Bursary** and to contact the counselling department at the school for the application process.

POST OFFICE BOXES BROKEN INTO

Our local post office needs our help.

Multiple post office boxes were broken into in the early hours on February 27, 2024 (Tues.) around 3:15am. It is believed that it is around this time that the vandal/vandals broke into the post office boxes.

If you have camera that faces the road, could you please check for people or vehicles going by between 2:30am and 4am.

Any assistance in identifying the person / people is much appreciated. Please let Kathy at the post office know if you have any camera footage.

DAYCARE FUNDRAISER



The Savona Early Learning Center is doing their annual Easter Purdy's Fundraiser. If you would like any yummy Easter chocolates go to the link below to support our local daycare!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1076479-115737>

Orders are due March 1, 2024
Delivery date of March 11 – 15 week

Any questions please contact:
savonaearlylearningcenter@outlook.com



The Savona Improvement District submitted an application in the Fall of 2023 to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the 2023 Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding stream in hopes of receiving funds to assist the fire department to purchase much needed equipment. It was the first time that SID applied for this funding and the Board was successful in receiving \$21,000!

Thank you to UBCM for approving our application and for supporting emergency preparedness and resiliency in our community!

Savona Fire Rescue would like to remind residents to take the time this Spring to clear their yards of any dead cedars and trees, clean and maintain gutters and roofs, keep decks and balconies clear of leaves and debris. This will ensure that our yards and neighborhoods are FireSmart TM. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our community safe.



Savona OAPO #129 is celebrating their 50th year this year!! They are making plans to celebrate their golden jubilee with an event this summer – so keep a watch for notices in the community. The OAPO #129 has an active senior membership, so the house gets used every day and they are always looking for new members. The membership fee is \$20.00, and they have a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except for July and August) – there is a potluck supper at 5:30pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Savona Improvement District AGM **May 23, 2024**

There will be **2 vacancies** on the Board of Trustees.

The time commitment for a trustee is 1-2 hours, once a month for meetings and the occasional email from the administrative officer and the term is for 3 years.

The SID Board consists of 5 trustees who are elected by the Savona landowners present at the AGM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAVONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC is hosting an **adult only SPRING SOCIAL** on April 13, 2024 (Sat.).

Doors open at 5:30pm Dinner is at 6:30pm

There will be a cash bar as well as a silent auction with many amazing items and services **PLUS** dancing the night away to a DJ. **Tickets are \$25.** Watch for posters regarding ticket sales!

Savona PAC is also looking for donations for their Silent Auction so if anyone would like to donate anything they will gladly accept. Any questions can be directed to **savonapac@gmail.com**

SAVONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM will be on April 16th (Tues.) at 6:30pm at the community hall. If you are interested in helping SCA in organizing and putting on different events for Savona, come to the AGM and join the team!

THE ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN UP will be on April 28th (Sun.) from 10am to 2pm. Please bring your rakes. Food and beverages will be provided to volunteers. Hope to see you there!

HERITAGE SPRING TEA will be held on May 5th from 11am to 2pm at the Savona Museum. There will be sandwiches, coffee, tea and strawberry shortcake. The cost is by donation.

Next newsletter will be out in JUNE. If you have anything to share – let Yoriko know by the end of May. Call the office (250-373-2513) or email savonadistrict@telus.net.



SID Office closed March 21 (Thurs.)
Sorry for any inconvenience!

The Savona Improvement District
now has their own website!

www.savonadistrict.ca