



The Edge

Community Newsletter

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The Edge Hours
Tues – Thurs: 10 – 4
Sat: 10 – 2
322a Monashee Ave

Columbia River Treaty Technical Conference in Castlegar, March 22

A group of people from the Arrow Lakes communities of Edgewood, Fauquier, Burton, Arrow Park, and Nakusp attended the CRT technical conference put on by the Provincial Review Team and BC Hydro. They presented different reservoir operating scenarios they had modeled, updated us on where the American review process was, had a panel discussion on different perspectives and had sessions on different topics including salmon restoration, climate change, flood management, and preservation of archeological sites.

One impression that we got is that treaty decisions are not finalized right now, and that reservoir operations will likely be changing after 2024 either way. There seemed to be greater concern for ecological and social values, and public attendees made sure to keep bringing the focus back to these issues and asking the hard questions. There is some potential to convince them to hold Arrow Lakes and other reservoirs at lower and more stable levels if we work at it. Some questions not addressed include how values such as riparian vegetation, migratory birds, fish stocks, and community economics can be improved by changing reservoir operations. We are working with government to hold a consultation meeting in Fauquier called “Solutions for Arrow Lakes” to figure out answers to these questions and give local residents a chance to influence decisions. This meeting was originally planned for April 10, but this has been deemed too soon to organize everything properly and get the right people there to listen to us, so it will now be held in June, the exact date and agenda to be announced.

For more detailed information on the conference, this upcoming meeting, and the CRT in general, check out our blog at crtactiongroup.wordpress.com.



Arrow Lakes Sunset by Maya Welti

Spring Art Show



Our 3rd annual Spring Art Show was a great success, with a variety of local artists showing off their talent and eye for natural beauty, while plenty of people dropped in to share food and be social. Pieces included oil and acrylic paintings, pastels, felting, ceramics, and wood carving. The subject matter was primarily the beautiful landscapes, wildlife, flowers, and culture of this area. We still have many works of art and pictures of them available for viewing and sale at The Edge.

How to Protect Your Computer from Viruses

The internet can be a very useful tool, but you need to be careful to protect yourself from viruses, worms, malware and spyware designed to steal your information, hack accounts, and wreck your computer. Download a free antivirus program such as AVG or Avast, **AND** an anti-malware program such as Malware Bytes. Run scans regularly, at least once a month.

To avoid getting viruses in the first place, be careful where you click. Avoid clicking on any internet advertisement, especially if sounds too good to be true or targets your location. Don't click on links or open attachments if you don't know what they are. Some viruses will send themselves to everyone on an email or Facebook list, so don't trust suspicious links even if they come from friends, the difference between real communication and spam should be obvious. Lately there have been telephone calls with the message that your computer is compromised; do not let them sell you anything or perform an action on your computer that they may tell you. If you're confused, stop by The Edge for some help.

To Inonoaklin Edgewood Broadband Subscribers:

There will be an **internet service interruption on April 2 2013**. Telus will be working on our service starting at 9 am. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Sincerely, The Edge

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