



The Edge

Community Newsletter

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The Edge
Has New Hours of
Operation.
Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 – 4:00
Saturday 10:00 – 2:00
Special Thanks to PCNA

Warning Computer Users!

You may have heard it on the news, an ‘antivirus computer scam’ hit the community of Quesnel in the past few weeks.

“Residents received phone calls offering fraudulent solicitation for anti-virus software.” reported *The Prince George Citizen*.

This scam is also taking place in our community!

Several residents of Edgewood have reported receiving similar phone calls.

“I received a phone call from an unknown number a few weeks ago.” He explains to me.

“I, at once, recognized the call as a telemarketer from the quality of the reception, and the person I was speaking to, so I hung up. When I received a similar call the next day curiosity got the better of me, so I stayed on the line to see what he wanted. He told me he worked with Microsoft and was going to remotely remove some viruses from my computer. **I’m computer savvy, so I immediately knew something wasn’t right.**”

The caller tried to justify himself by saying “You know that Microsoft ‘Send / Don’t Send Error Message’ that pops up? Well I am calling because you clicked send! You want help don’t you?” Speaking from experience; everyone wants help with their computer. But not from THEM! There’s much to know about computers. It’s completely wrong for them to prey on people who do not possess extensive knowledge.

“I had to see what his plan was so I followed his instructions. His steps led me to an important system file in a Windows subfolder. I hung up; I’d heard enough.”

The caller was going to instruct him to edit the file, so that it would open a ‘back door’ on the computer. A ‘back door’ is a way for someone to access your computer remotely. It allows them to place viruses or key loggers on your computer, which then allow them access to private information such as credit-card numbers.

This has happened to more than one person in Edgewood.

If you receive such a call DO NOT comply with their requests!

It’s important to use an updated virus scanner.

Links to some free virus scanners below.

<http://free.avg.com/ca-en/homepage>

<http://www.malwarebytes.org/>

You can read the Quesnel situation at <http://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/>

Edgewood Face Watershed Dilemma

Recent logging contracts have resulted in a cut block Robinson Road residents feel is too close to their watershed for their safety.

Distraught residents circulated a petition, with the intention of protecting their water source.

A peaceful protest occurred when equipment trucks pulled up the mountainside. Unlike normal anti-logging protests the trucks weren’t stopped from reaching their destination, but rather from returning home. After the trucks drove past, residents found a way to block access to the highway.

“The logging trucks have to cross a creek in order to reach their block, but the creek runs directly into our source of water.” A protestor explained.

The disapproval of the Robinson Road residents did not go unnoticed, as the bridge’s original, unethical construction plan was altered to a more environmentally friendly alternative.

Residents do not consider this to be a total victory, and they continue to meet to discuss ways to stop, what they feel, is an endangerment to the quality of their water source.



Below is a link to the Edgewood Face Watershed Cause, on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Edgewood-Face-Watershed/175022859252175> Or you can email the cause at edgewoodface@gmail.com and share your thoughts

Registered charities in Canada perform valuable work in our communities, and Canadians support this work in many ways.

The Edge’s Registered Charity #86745 45 RR0001. We welcome regular givers.

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