

UNITED COMMUNITIES FIRE HALL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2015

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 MUSIC JAM 7 - 10 pm	3	4
	6 EASTER FIRE DEPT. MONTHLY MEETING 6:30 pm	7 CARD PARTY 7:30pm	8	9	10	11
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9 DEVIN EANLAND HOW :30-4:30pm	20 FIRE DEPT. MAINT. 6:30 pm	21 CARD PARTY 7:30pm	22 Y.A.H.	23	24	25 FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST 8-11am
6	27	28	29	30 MUSIC JAM 7 - 10 pm		

U.C.F.D. ANNUAL MEETING

The residents of Vogler's Cove, Cherry Hill and Broad Cove are invited to the annual public meeting **Tuesday May 5th 7:00 pm** at the fire hall. There will be a review of the volunteer fire department's previous year's operations & budget and the departmental budget for FY 2015-2016 will be presented. Ratepayers can ask questions and there will be coffee and doughnut bits afterwards.

U.C.F.D. COMMUNITY "SIREN"

MUSIC JAM SESSIONS

Various Local Artists Will Play for about 3 Hours:

Starts at 7 pm. Admission \$ 2.00

At intermission a lunch of sandwiches and sweets are generously provided by people attending the Jam. (feel free to bring something to add to the lunch) Come out to enjoy local musicians having fun entertaining local people.

IS IT CONFIDENTIAL?

Just a reminder to everyone that when our volunteer firefighters respond to an emergency call (medical, fire, accident, etc.) the particular personal information about that call is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

This means that our members may not divulge any personal information, to a third party, about a patient or victim without that persons expressed consent. Please don't ask our volunteer first responders about any of the above as it may put them in a position for disciplinary act from the department, EHS, provincial law and/or civil action. Any request for information must formally go thru the Fire Chief/Deputy.

Please make sure your posted civic number has not been knocked down by snow and ice. Emergency first responders rely on the properly posted and clearly visible numbers to quickly find addresses to respond to emergencies.



Regional Emergency Management Organization

www.EmergencyMeasures.ca

Be Ready for Flooding

Floods are the most common hazard in our area. The winter conditions of 2014-15 have increased the risk due to high Dec. /Jan. water levels, heavy snowfall, and below average temperatures through February and March. Snow hasn't been able to melt gradually, increasing the likelihood of ice-jams and flash flooding. Even areas that don't typically flood can see flash flooding due to sudden snow melt.

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Typical spring wind and rain storms will increase the risks. Flood conditions often create impassable roads isolating residents. Power outages and utility disruptions during wind and rain events increase the impacts.

Preparing for Flooding:

☑ Be prepared to “Shelter-In-Place” during heavy rain and wind events with enough family supplies for 72 hours or more without utilities. Being self-sufficient may decrease the need to evacuate.

☑ Understand you may be asked to evacuate due to extreme flood conditions and blocked roads. Have a family evacuation plan. Know where you and your pets would go and what you would need to take with you (meds; clothing, documents, pet supplies). Be prepared to turn off utilities at main switches and disconnect electrical appliances if asked to do so.

☑ Know where main power switches are to your house.

☑ Keep pumps in working order and know how to use them. Consider back-up power supplies.

☑ Have a professional elevate furnace, water heater and electric panel if in high flood risk area

☑ Keep valuables above ground level

☑ Clear drainage channels of debris, ice, snow and leaves

☑ Understand your insurance coverage. Keep documents handy

☑ Don't park vehicles along streams, rivers, or creeks, especially during threatening conditions

☑ Be aware of stream, river, drainage channels and areas known to flood suddenly

☑ Check in with family members and neighbours, particularly if they rely on you for support

During a Flood

☑ Listen to radio/media for information and follow emergency official instructions

☑ Emergency responders will be assisting people. You can help everyone by staying off the roads and out of the way.

☑ Do not drive around a barricade. Turn around and go a different way. Two feet of fast water can carry away most vehicles. Be especially cautious driving at night when it's harder to see flood dangers.

☑ If there is any possibility of flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move

☑ If you have to walk through water, walk where water isn't moving. Six inches of water can be enough to make you fall

☑ Stay out of any building that is surrounded by flood waters

☑ Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water

As a community, “we are in this together”. Once your family is prepared, help your neighbours prepare. The Regional Emergency Management Organization has plans and procedures to help coordinate efforts during flood response events but no one can prevent floods from happening. The better prepared individuals are, the more resilient to flooding our community becomes.

For helpful hints on personal preparedness and planning, as well as updates on local weather related issues, follow us on Twitter @Regionalemo

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION- **about snow/ice hazards to your oil heating system.**

Two of the biggest risks for your heating system related to snowfall and drifting snow are:

- Oil leaks as a result of damaged fittings
- Carbon monoxide poisoning due to blocked vents

Here are some steps you can take to help ensure your safety:

- Before a snowstorm, mark the location of your oil tank and/or fill pipes and vent so that they can be easily located.
- After each snowfall, carefully clear snow and ice off the top of tanks, gauges, fittings, and lines. Using a broom to do so will help avoid damaging the tank or system components. Failure to clear away snow and ice can cause damage that could result in an oil leak.
- Appliance vents, chimneys and flues must also be kept clear of snow and ice so appliances can vent properly. Be careful when doing so to avoid damage to the components.
- Heavy icicles or large amounts of snow falling from the roof or eaves can be very damaging to a tank and system components. Watch for these hazards and safely remove them from above and around your tank, fill pipes, filter, piping, and valves, being careful not to damage your system.
- Ensure you know how and where to shut off the outdoor oil supply (if appropriate) and any indoor appliances in the event that a problem occurs.
- Be on the lookout for any signs of oil leaks in and around your home. If you smell oil or suspect a leak, call your oil delivery company.
- If your tank has shifted position; oil lines are bent, broken or damaged; or you see something else unusual about your system or appliance, turn off the main oil supply valve on your storage tank. Then call your oil delivery company.