



# Summer Newsletter

Summer 2024

## Swansea Point Community Association

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**Fire Bans** 1-800-663-7867 [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

**Fire Department** Call Out 911 Forest Fire to Report 1-800-663-5555

**Bear Aware/Bear Report** 1-800-663-9453  
[www.bearaware.bc.ca](http://www.bearaware.bc.ca)

**Fireworks Incidents** R.C.M.P. 911  
Local Non Emerg # - 250-836-2878

## Presidents Report

### President Report & Welcome— Betty-Jean Sachro

Welcome to summer! The last few weeks have seen very warm temperatures and with that comes the risk of fires. A category 1 campfire ban has been issued in our area beginning at noon on Friday, July 12 and as a reminder, fireworks are not permitted at any time. Ensure that all dry, organic yard waste such as spruce needles, leaves and branches have been removed and taken to land fill.

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There have been several bear sightings in our community. We are hoping to have a representative from WildSafe BC at our annual Community barbecue on July 21 to provide valuable information and answer any questions you may have. We do know that bears are attracted to garbage, compost, food scents and bird feeders. To stay safe and avoid an encounter with a bear, store garbage, compost and bird feeders in an enclosed and safe location, clean barbecues and do not leave food out. Ensure your small animals are inside. It is more favorable for them to leave due to lack of food sources than to be euthanized.

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Movie night at the Beach will be held on July 27 at Oxford Beach. It was delayed to allow the water to recede some more, affording more room and allowing for some additional beach clean-up.

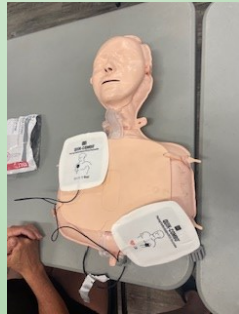
Great to see members come out and attend our Annual Community BBQ. It was nice to come mingle with your neighbors, the board members and our Fire community. Look forward to seeing you at future events.

**Free CPR /AED Training  
Tuesday, August 13th  
12:00-1:30pm**

**Swansea Point Fire Hall  
632 Davidson Drive**

Our first CPR/AED instructional session was held on Tuesday, July 9 and 23 was a great success. Thank you to Laura Noble, Paramedic from Sicamous

Ambulance Service, hosting these life-saving informative sessions. Please come join one of our next two days offered.



**SUMMER**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Oxford Beach  
Saturday, July 27th  
@ 8:00pm

Water & Treats will be provided

please bring your own lawn chair

# FIRE BAN



With the increased risk of new wildfire starts from current and forecast weather conditions, a province-wide campfire prohibition will take effect at 12 p.m. (noon) PDT on Friday, July 12, 2024, with the exception of Haida Gwaii Forest District.

These prohibitions are being enacted to help prevent human-caused wildfires and to protect public safety. The process for deciding whether to implement a campfire prohibition is complex and may

differ from one part of the province to another, depending on local conditions. To learn more about what goes into a campfire prohibition watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qMbj5MGQQY&t=28s>

We would like to thank everyone for being responsible with any activity that could potentially spark a new wildfire, and for their vigilance in reporting new wildfire starts, unattended campfires or open burning violations.

To stay up to date on fire bans and restrictions in your area, please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions>.

**Upcoming Community events :    mark your calendar**

**Free CPR/AED Training—July 23 and Aug 13 from 12:00—1:30pm**

**Movie Night on the Beach rescheduled –July 27 Oxford Beach**

**Sandcastle Building Contest & Slurpees—Aug 3—Oxford Beach**

**AGM—Aug 18 @1:00pm Firehall**

**Family Photography night and Bar Aug 30**

**Sunday Night Volleyball—July & Aug Sunday Evenings after 6:30pm**

**Memberships Due  
2024-2025**

**We would like to welcome members to  
Swansea Point Community Association.  
AUGUST 1, 2024 –JULY 31, 2025**

Fill out membership application (attached), and e-mail it back with your e-transfer to: [treasurer@swanseaoint.net](mailto:treasurer@swanseaoint.net) or request a paper copy from the [secretary@swanseaoint.net](mailto:secretary@swanseaoint.net) to be dropped off at your residence.

Return completed application: with a cheque to:

Swansea Point Community Association

c/o Julie Laurie

#721 Swansea Point Road

Swansea Point, B.C

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Receipts sent upon request. Membership Card will be e-mailed to you.

New Fees: \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 couple

**AGM (Annual General Meeting)**

**Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1:00pm**

**Held at the Swansea Point Fire Hall**

**Please join us**

**Would you like to get involved?**

We are looking for a permanent resident to join the board. If you are interested or have questions regarding commitment please email: [president@swanseaoint.net](mailto:president@swanseaoint.net)

## **President's address for Community Barbecue, July 21, 2024**

Welcome friends and neighbors to the annual Community Barbecue. We are very pleased to collaborate once again with our volunteer fire department for this event. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with our neighbors and get acquainted with members of the Community Association and firefighters. Unfortunately we did not have representatives from NEPP and Wildsafe BC who have valuable information but unable to attend. Thank you Chris and Fiona our Firesmart representatives are here to provide information at their table. Fire Chief, Steve Norton, has been providing us with regular updates regarding fires in the area.

We are pleased to welcome David Boag from CSRD Parks and Recreation. Thank you, David for ensuring that our mobility mat at Cambridge Park has been installed and working with us to address other urgent needs within the Community, in a timely manner.

The new griddle was donated to Swansea Point Community Association by Rochelle Cote Design. Rochelle is our Activity Director and unfortunately is unable to attend today due to a private family celebration. We do want to thank Rochelle for the very generous donation and to Ty Sutherland for putting it together for us.

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At this time, I would like to introduce you to our Board of Directors:

Janice Richardson, Vice President, and Rochelle Cote, Activity Director are unfortunately unable to attend due to other commitments.

Carmen Hodges, Secretary

Julie Laurie, Treasurer

Susie Greco, Director

Raphaelle Strub, Director

I would like to thank our Swansea Fire Department, Fire Chief Steve N, Steve S, Doug, Gus, and Mike for attending our event today.

We have one very special member of the fire department here today, Mike Thoms. Not only has Mike been a valuable member of the fire department but he has contributed significantly to the Community over the years in many ways but most notably, the beautification of our entrance to the community. For several years, Mike has planted and tended to all the beautiful flowers at the entrance. Unfortunately, Mike is not able to carry on with this and has recommended Shaundra Boneham as his successor. She has very gracefully accepted. Thank you, Shaundra! I would like to call on Mike to come forward to accept a small token of our appreciation. Let us have a round of applause for both Mike and Shaundra.

We encourage residents to become involved in the Community and if there is anyone who would be interested in sitting on the Board, please advise or email [president@swansea.net](mailto:president@swansea.net).



THANK YOU!!!!!!



Thankyou to Sophie, Chris and the Firesmart team for circulating around Swansea Point with Hints and Pointers for residents as the fire season has certainly started. Although we are not on an evacuation alert, it is important with fires around us that we start to think about preparing our homes and community for an existing fire spreading or one starting suddenly.

Here are a few things shared by the Firesmart team.

1. **Stay informed:** The best way is to download the ALERTABLE app onto your phone. This app gives you the most up to date information and will be a primary way of communicating, if we go to an evacuation alert or evacuation order. You just set your area and you decide what kind of alerts you receive: fire, weather, traffic incident , etc. For those who are not comfortable in using the app, you may call the CSRD or the BC Wildfire Service for updates.

## 2. Prepare your home:

- a. Walk around your property, rake up pinecones, leaves and branches. Check your eavestroughs and remove accumulated leaves and cones.
- b. Mentally make a plan about bringing cushions and furniture in from decks and patios. Are there things that you could bring in that might easily ignite.
- c. Keep phones, computers, power banks and others electronics fully charged , Power tends to come and go
- d. Remember to shut off your burners if the power goes off while cooking

## 3. Prepare yourselves:

Although our evacuation site may not be far away, it may take a long time to get there

- a. Ensure your vehicle is full of gas.
- b. Write a list of your medications, the dosages and how often you take them. Take several days supply
- c. Any important household documents, Cash if you can, as power outages may prevent you from using debit or credit
- b. Pack bottled water, drinks and snacks. If the power goes out, your well may not work unless you have a back up generator
- c. Pack changes of clothes , Diapers
- d. If you have a pet, do you have enough food, medications, kennel?
- e. Ice cream buckets with lids to use as toilets for little ones.

These are just a few ideas. Please go to Shuswap Emergency Program and CSRD websites for some great more detailed information and planning guides

***We would like to make sure we are able to safely evacuate all residents of Swansea Point if we have to.***

Please contact :Betty Jean [President@swanseaPoint.net](mailto:President@swanseaPoint.net) or Carmen Hodges [secretary@swanseaPoint.net](mailto:secretary@swanseaPoint.net) or any board member to let us know if you have any barriers in being able to evacuate. This may include mobility issues, need of help packing especially if Swansea Point is your primary residence, have small children, the elderly, sensory barriers like hearing or seeing. We will do our best to help with resources.

Owners of rentals, should have detailed information for your tenants

