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# THE TOWN CRIER

(CANADA DAY EDITION)

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June 2014

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## Greetings from Recreation!

June, 2014

Summer has finally arrived....I think? With the new warm weather we are gearing up for our Canada Day Celebrations out at Lucky Lake, and we hope to see you all there. Watson Lake was incorporated in 1984 so we are going to celebrate Watson Lake's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as dedicating the new Lucky Lake park to Jaedyn Amann. This year we are going to have live music, a magician and more! You will have to come out to see what there is for yourself, I don't want to give it all away.... We are going to be doing the triathlon on Canada Day, which can be done by one person or a team of 3. The triathlon will start at the pool with a 600m (12 lap) swim, then a 6km run that will end up at the grocery store where you will then bike 9km to Lucky Lake. This is an event that has run in Watson Lake on Canada Day for years and I am looking forward to being part of running it this summer. We will also be hosting a '3 on 3' beach volleyball tournament, this is going to be a 'Fun in the Sun' tournament with the sole purpose of FUN! If you are interested in either event please come to the recplex and register by June 27<sup>th</sup>. These activities are going to happen rain or shine Watson Lake, because let's be honest, rain tends to be the common forecast for Canada Day ☺ It's a good thing we are tough northerners and we can handle it. Canada Day, and almost all of our events, wouldn't be possible to run without our amazing volunteer community and I would like to thank you all in advance! The Riding Association are an amazing group of volunteers that work very hard making our community events happen, they will be running the concession and their cotton candy machine on Canada Day, so bring your appetite!

The Farmer's Market and Arts in the Park are up and running every Saturday at 3:00pm, located at Wye Lake Park. The Farmer's Market is a great event where locals come together to sell their wares, if you are interested in putting in a table please contact Corrine Zozula at 536-8020, or just show up with your table and set yourself up. If you are a local musician that would like to perform in the Arts in the Park portion please contact me with the information provided below. We host performers from all over the Yukon, last Saturday was Alex Johnson and they were incredible. This is a truly wonderful event, I spent many a Saturday afternoon there last summer with my children, lying on the green grass hill, while they danced and ate home-made goodies. Events like these are what make small communities truly magical, and give us some where to come together, enjoy one another and just be. There will not be a Farmer's Market/Arts in the Park on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Instead we will hold it on Canada Day.

Born and raised Watson Laker, Mackenzie Brown is going to be doing a concert (July 26, 8pm..Rec Centre) and donating all of the door proceeds to CF. Mackenzie is a local girl turned international, she now lives with her husband and their daughter in Antigua. Mackenzie is excited to come home and perform in her home town and we are equally excited to have her, especially for such a great cause. You can go on You Tube and type her name in to see her sing some of her work, she performs original music, as well as covers. Our wonderful fire department has volunteered to run the dance for us, so a big huge thank you to them!

*Watson Lake's Got Talent!* will take place on Discovery Days weekend, for Arts in the Park and the Farmer's Market. We are going to hold the Farmer's Market at 12pm this weekend so that it can be part of the festivities. *Watson Lake's Got Talent* will begin at 1:00 pm, so make sure you get yourself a comfortable spot on the green hill. If you are interested in joining please come and fill out an entry form, there will be no fee. This isn't a competition but a showcase of our



community's talent and is for all ages. Make sure to mark August 16<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come on down to see the local talent!



This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Buddy Taylor Memorial Ball Tournament*, during our Discovery Days weekend. This is always a really fun tournament, so get on a team and have some FUN! The theme for the Discovery Days Parade will be 'Take me out to the Ball Game'. You may enter a float as an individual or a group, kids can decorate their bikes, and Moms can decorate their strollers. Basically anything goes, so get creative! Here are some dates to keep in mind, and if you have any questions please contact me:

- **June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> -Kids Kayak/Canoe Camp**
- **July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - Challenger Sport Soccer Camp**
- **June 28<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Show at the Riding Grounds**
- **Summer Adventure Program** -Please contact the recplex to register your child after June 24<sup>th</sup>
- **July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day @ Lucky Lake and Watson Lake's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**



There will be a triathlon and a '3 on 3' volleyball tournament for older youth and adults to participate in, on top of the usual festivities. Lots to do for the younger youth as well!

- **July 26<sup>th</sup>- Mackenzie Brown LIVE!** Mackenzie is a born and raised Watson Laker who is doing a show with all proceeds going to CF! Make sure to come out and support our local and now international lady.
- **August 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> is Discovery Days Weekend.** There will be all sorts of family activities and it is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Buddy Taylor Memorial Ball Tournament*.
- **August 16<sup>th</sup> Watson Lake's Got Talent-** Entry forms at the Recplex
- **Farmer's Market/Arts in the Park**



every Saturday @ 3pm/music @4pm, Wye Lake Park. If you are interested in putting in a table please contact Corrine @ 536-8020, or just show up with a table. This is a fantastic event, come and check out what our fabulous locals have for sale and listen to **live music**.....from local musicians from around the Yukon

- **Youth Night- Ages 12 and up will be happening weekly so please keep in touch so that you know what/when/where...activities and times are subject to change weekly, depending on the activity. The youth night group on FB is where I will be posting online, or contact me with the information provided.**
- **Seniors/Elders Activities-** every Thursday at Wye Lake Park @ 10 am...rain or shine. I have snacks! Please tell all of the Seniors/Elders in your life 😊

There is a new lady in town named Traci who has graciously volunteered her time to Mountain Bike with our local youth, through our local trail systems. This activity will be for youth age +10, if you are interested in your child participating please stop by the Recplex and fill out the consent form, there is no fee. Youth may not participate without the consent being filled out. This activity will take place every Monday at 3:00pm, starting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participants must have their own bikes, helmet, water, and be physically capable of participating in the activity.

I have cancelled my youth nights until exams are over, June 24<sup>th</sup> I will be up and running again. We have been having a riot, playing games like *Man Tracker* and *Capture the Flag*. Please check in at the Recplex to know what activity is happening weekly, as times and activities are subject to change. If you have any ideas that you think would be fun I would love to hear them! Being outside and active is the focus for the summer months, we can do more indoor activities when the weather forces us to do so. I find Facebook is a great way to connect with the youth, so please add *Recreation Programmer* for instant updates.

I think that's all folks! I hope you are all enjoying your summer, remember to get out there and enjoy our vast and beautiful outdoors. We are truly blessed to live in such splendor. Don't forget – being active doesn't mean you have to go for a 3km run, it simply means moving your body doing something that you love to do, like gardening! As usual, if you have any ideas, suggestions, comments or feedback please do not hesitate to contact me. It takes a community to make a community.

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**CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
AND WATSON LAKE'S 30<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY!!**

**LUCKY LAKE**

- TRIATHLON
- WATERSLIDE
- MAGICIAN
- BLOW UP TOY
- FACE PAINTING
- CONCESSION
- MINIATURE GOLF
- COTTON CANDY
- 3 X 3 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

**FIREMEN SPRAY DOWN AND CANDY**

- FARMER'S MARKET/ARTS IN THE PARK-LIVE MUSIC!
- OPENING CEREMONY FOR JAEDYN'S PARK
- AND MORE!

If you are interested in participating in the Triathlon or the Volley ball Tournament please come and register ahead of time at the Recplex. All other festivities start at Lucky Lake at 11:00 am. We are also going to be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Watson Lake! So come out and celebrate the double birthday of our great nation and wonderful home town....



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**Watson Lake Fire Dept**

**June**

- Watson Lake Fire Dept responded to
- 2 – motor vehicle accidents
  - 1 – C.O. alarms
  - 2 - false alarm
  - 1- cat rescue

Members of the fire department also participated in our regular training nights, one at the elementary school practicing search and rescue, and the second was vehicle extrication. WLFD pumper one arrived back from a complete pump rebuild in Alberta and is back in service and working good.

WLFD members participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk at Wye Lake Park. Some of the firemen participated in full gear. The Watson Lake Fire Dept. also hosted a BBQ and dance

WLFD has a limited number of smoke/C.O. detectors available free of charge for the general public along with some info on how and where to install them. For more information please contact me at the hall.

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**Please help protect Yukon homes and communities from preventable forest fires.**

**A recipe for campfire success: be safe and responsible!**

*A carelessly abandoned campfire can turn a small fire into a dangerous and fast moving blaze. Please remember these simple steps when **building your campfire**:*

- 1** Prepare your campfire by removing all leaves, twigs and other flammable material from the area.
- 2** Use a proper fire pit or make a ring of rocks at least three metres from shrubs, structures and debris.
- 3** Keep your fire under control at all times and prevent it from spreading into surrounding bushes and trees.
- 4** Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby.

**Now that you know what it takes to build a safe campfire, turn this card over when it's time to **PUT IT OUT!****

**If you see a wildfire please report it by calling: 1-888-798-FIRE (3473)**

**More than half of Yukon forest fires are caused by humans.**

**A recipe for campfire success: put it out!**

*Please remember these simple steps to properly **extinguish your campfire**:*

- 1** Pour water on the fire and douse the site thoroughly.
- 2** Stir the campfire until there are no embers and the ashes are cold to the touch.
- 3** A simple recipe for campfire success is **JUST ADD WATER AND STIR UNTIL COLD!**

**Report Wildfires:  
1-888-798-FIRE (3473)**

WATSON LAKE BYLAW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

A pet safety tip...

**Antifreeze**

Antifreeze is actually a year-round hazard. With the warmer temperatures of summer, cars over heat and may leak antifreeze. (This is the bright green liquid found oozing from that car with the engine fan on.) Also, people change their antifreeze and may spill or leave unused antifreeze out where pets can access it. Antifreeze tastes sweet and is inviting to pets (and children). It is also extremely toxic in very small amounts.

Call your veterinarian (or physician) immediately if any ingestion is suspected. A safe alternative to Ethylene Glycol antifreeze is available, it is called propylene glycol, and while it does cost a small amount more than 'regular' antifreeze, it is worth the piece of mind.

Please contact the Town @ 536-8000, or Animal Control @ 536-4766 (Evenings & Weekends) for any information, or to report an animal at large.

Council Meetings are held the first & third Tuesday of every month. The next scheduled Council meeting is (because of the holiday) Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00 pm. Please approach members of Council on any agenda item that you wish to bring forward.

Mayor                    Richard Durocher  
 Councillors            Tim O'Brien  
                               Brenda Leach  
                               Cynthia Kearns  
                               Thomas Slager

**June 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5 10AM SENIORS ACTIVITIES AT WYE LAKE PARK 7PM Girl's Night!	6	7 FARMER'S MARKET AND ARTS IN THE PARK 3:00PM
8	9	10 	11	12 10AM SENIORS ACTIVITIES AT WYE LAKE PARK 7PM Girl's Night	13	14 FARMER'S MARKET AND ARTS IN THE PARK 3:00PM
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 10AM SENIORS ACTIVITIES AT WYE LAKE PARK 3:30-5:30 Public Swim 7PM Girl's Night	20 FATHER'S DAY GOLF TOURNIE	21 FARMER'S MARKET AND ARTS IN THE PARK 3:00PM FATHER'S DAY GOLF TOURNIE CONTINUE
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29 Please add 'Recreation Programmer' on Facebook for instant updates!	30	CANADA DAY!  RECPLEX CLOSED  CELEBRATIONS AT LUCKY LAKE!	TRIATHLON ON CANADA DAY!  	IF YOU HAVE ANY ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN PLEASE CONTACT MEAGHEN 536-8023		IF YOU WOULD LIKE WEEKLY ROLLING ADS EMAILED TO YOU WITH LOCAL EVENTS PLEASE EMAIL: <a href="mailto:recprogrammer@watsonlake.ca">recprogrammer@wa tsonlake.ca</a>