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# Beneath the Clocktower

Your Insight into Issues and Events at Duncan City Hall  
October 2009

## GRAND OPENING OF 2009 CENTENNIAL PARK PROJECT

**A** celebration of the Centennial Park Revitalization project completed this summer occurred on October 9th with many neighbours and City officials in attendance.



This summer the City built a new water spray park, a new playground, a raised grassy stage area, a new pedestrian entrance from Second Street, widened and completed the circle path, resurfaced and re-oriented the tennis courts, and planted 40 new trees.

The next phases will be partially dependent on community support and/or further grants, and

include a new basketball/sport court, new west side access trails (while leaving the existing stairs), new or renovated washrooms, a renewed and expanded parking area, and a picnic shelter.

To find out how you can help, contact City Hall at 746-6126.

## REMINDERS

### YARD & GARDEN WASTE

**F**ree yard and garden waste disposal is available at the Transfer Station at Bing's Creek.



Open burning is not permitted within the City limits.

### SNOW CLEARING

**J**ust a reminder that snow clearing on sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjoining business or residence.

The City has snow clearing priorities for the roads starting with the busiest, then downtown, and getting to the residential streets when able.

While the City does its best to keep up, be prepared and avoid venturing out when snow conditions make travelling the roads and sidewalks more difficult.



## Market in the Square Marks Banner Year

**T**he Duncan Farmers' Market in the Square saw amazing growth this season and has been welcomed by both the City of Duncan and the Downtown Merchants.

The Market, which is a blend of the two historic Farmers' Markets, received many comments about how much people enjoy spending time downtown on a Saturday exploring both the shops and the Market.

Market vendors are eagerly looking forward to the re-opening

of Craig Street so they can tuck in amongst the trees and cobble stones for another beautiful season welcoming visitors from all over the valley and, indeed, the world.

Please come down and support the Craig Street merchants and check out the progress. The widened sidewalks, asphalt, bike racks and benches are in place and in use, and the landscaping is being completed including 20 new trees. Watch for the official opening sometime in November.

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## WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM STARTS IN MARCH 2010

The goal of the Wood Stove Exchange Program is to improve air quality in our community by replacing older stoves with more efficient, cleaner burning stoves which emit approximately 70% less pollution than older, conventional wood stoves.

While replacement with natural gas stoves will possibly qualify, the City encourages replacement with efficient wood burning stoves as they have 9 times less CO2 emissions (green house gases).

As replacement stoves generally range from \$1,100 to \$3,000, the \$400 rebate offers a 13-36% discount. The rebate includes a \$250 contribution from BC Ministry of Environment, a City contribution of \$100 and \$50 from participating retailers.

The City of Duncan has contracted with the District of North Cowichan to administer the program, so requests for information and the application process will be through the District of North Cowichan.

To qualify for the rebate, the applicant must prove that the old stove was built prior to November 1, 1994 and is not US EPA emission certified. One exchange will be permitted per household.

The applicant will also be required to show proof of a Wood Energy Technical Training (WETT) installation or inspection report to prove that the stove and chimney meet current standards.



Once the receipt for the new stove, WETT documentation and the old stoves are received at the District of North Cowichan Yard (North of Highway 18) a cheque for \$350 will be issued

to the applicant. This is in addition to the \$50 discount on the purchase price provided by the participating retailer for a total rebate of \$400.

**For more information or to apply, please contact Andy Daniel, North Cowichan, at 250-746-3130.**

## CAN YOUR ADDRESS BE SEEN FROM THE STREET?

Emergency medical workers and police are asking residents to be sure their addresses are clearly visible and readable from the street, especially at night.

Homes that have a clearly posted address at the end of the driveway in a reflective, high contrast material help emergency responders to quickly and easily identify the correct address.

Addresses on homes that are either not visible from the street because they are obstructed, too small, or simply hard to read, can cause unnecessary delays.

Darker nights, rain and snow storms will soon be upon us. Be prepared this winter by improving the visibility of your address and be ready to endure periods of no power, heat, or water unexpectedly.

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## PROBLEM HEDGES AND SHRUBS

Hedges, trees, shrubs and all other vegetation overhanging the roads and sidewalks are potentially dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike. Those especially affected include:

- Visually impaired people
- Elderly people
- People with disabilities
- Bicycle riders
- Children in strollers
- Vehicle operators at intersections



Please keep your hedges, trees and shrubs trimmed to allow for safe passage for users of the roads and sidewalks.

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