

Deep Bay Improvement District  
News from the Board of Trustees

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Reminder Notice: **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010**  
Registration starts at 7:00 pm  
Meeting starts at 7:30 pm  
Location: Bowser Legion

*Information packages are available for pick up at the office.*

**Summer is coming – Time to think about using your water wisely!**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has some excellent reference material on their website - [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca) including lawn care, water wise gardening, efficient irrigation, utilizing rain barrels and more. We also have some copies of this information available at the office.

**Team WaterSmart Workshops - FREE - Call the RDN at 1-877-607-4111 to register.**

Naturally Healthy Gardens: May 1, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Qualicum Beach Civic Centre  
WaterSmart your Home and Garden: May 12, 6:30 - 7:30, Lighthouse Community Center  
Rainwater Harvesting: May 19, 7:00 - 8:30, Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

**The WaterSmart rebate for installation of low flow toilets** is still available. From January 1 to March 18, 2010, the RDN has provided rebates for the installation of 227 toilets!

**Now available at the DBID office:**

- **water gauge to measure how much water your garden/lawn is getting. A lawn needs no more than 1" of water per week including rainfall.**
- **leak detection tablets for your toilet. Place tablet in tank, wait ten minutes - if the water in the bowl is coloured, you have a leak.**



**Annual Report for Drinking Water Systems**

The Deep Bay Improvement District 2009 Annual Report will be available from the office, at no charge, no later than June 1, 2010. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

For more information regarding the provincial Drinking Water Program go to:

[http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/protect/dw\\_index.html](http://www.hls.gov.bc.ca/protect/dw_index.html)

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**Next regular Board Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**Deep Bay Fire Hall – Public is welcome**

*Regular board meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm  
unless otherwise posted at the office.*

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**Electronic Payment Update:**

Good news for users of the Scotia Bank. Due to pressure from municipalities, the Scotia Bank has revised the changes to electronic payment fees. DBID will continue to receive reports at no charge, so payments can continue to be submitted through Scotia Bank.

Fire Department News



**Backyard Burning:** As of April 15th a burn permit is required for any backyard burns. Please contact a member of the Fire Department at 250-757-2030 to obtain a permit. This requirement stays in effect until October 15th each year.

Whenever you are burning outdoors always take proper safety precautions. The burn pile should be no larger than approximately 4 cubic meters (2 x 2 x 1 meters) in size and should be at least 15 meters away from any structures. Fires must never be left unattended and a source of water (eg. garden hose) should always be readily available.

*Please note: you can only burn natural vegetation and even this has limitations. Natural vegetation includes lawn trimmings, twigs and limbs, leaves, etc. You may not burn household garbage and trash. You cannot burn processed wood, such as lumber.*

**Check the Fire Hazard signs at the top of Jamieson and Gainsberg Roads for indication of the hazard rating and notice of total burn ban.**

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN OR WOMEN**

The Deep Bay Volunteer Fire Department roster has a few openings. **If you are interested in volunteering some time to your community and learning some exciting new skills (Fire fighting, First Responder, Auto extrication), please call 250-757-2030.**

Fire practices are held every Monday night at the hall.



**Working Smoke Alarms: It's the Law!**

- An amendment to the BC Fire Code enhances the current smoke alarm requirements in the province. As of May 1, 2010, homes built prior to BC's Building Code smoke alarm requirements (1979), must now have working smoke alarms, whether owner-occupied or rented.
- Carbon Monoxide - You need a CO alarm if you have gas or propane appliances, an attached garage or carport, gas or oil water heater or furnace or a wood or gas fireplace.
- 10/7 Replacement Rule - If your smoke alarms are over 10-years old or carbon monoxide alarms are over 5-7 years old - replace them immediately.

**"Safe at Home - How to Protect Your Family From Fire and Carbon Monoxide Tragedy"** guides are available at the office.

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