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REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

RESIDENTIAL

2325 Bowman Crescent
\$150,000
Double lot, 4 bedrooms,
2 full bathrooms.
250-994-3328

2335 Bowman Crescent
\$77,000
250-596-8018

4275 Blair Avenue
Timber Frame Home for Sale
\$230,000
250-994-3323 or
shaz_brown@yahoo.ca

4387 Mildred Avenue
\$125,000
250-981-1416

4215 Margaret Avenue
\$25,000 (open to offers)
778-885-7856 (Sheree)
canadianwest@shaw.ca

Lot on Blair
behind Wells Hotel
\$20,000
250-994-3427

3771 Reduction Road
2bdm house on 6 lots
\$265,000
250-994-3245

Undeveloped view lots
2 to 3 lots for sale between
4390 and 4275 Blair Avenue
Most of the property has had
the willows removed
\$30,000 for each lot
250-994-3323 (Sharon)

Various Crown Lots
(Mildred and Solibakke)
250-398-4259

RENTALS

Good Eats Main Floor
2x units available for short term
from March 1 until
June 30
For details, call Dave at 250-994-2320

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL

4299 Burnett Avenue
\$325,500
Box 96, Wells, BC V0K 2R0

COMMERCIAL

"The Good Eats"
4214 Blair Avenue
Unique heritage building
3 x Self Contained Units +
Full Basement/Workshop
\$215,000
604-817-1996 (Dave)

Two commercially zoned lots
on Barkerville Highway
west of the RCMP station.
\$30,000 each.
Call 250-994-3340 or email
rtwright@goldrushbc.com

2338 Bowman Crescent
3700 sq.ft. renovated
live-work-retail space
\$298,000
www.amazingspacestudio.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, December 5

The next Historical Society Meeting at Museum starts at 6:30pm and will be followed by a Christmas Open House at 7:30pm.

Please invite family and friends for a bit of Christmas Cheer, and they may enjoy a tour of the museum. The Society will spring for beverages and nibbly bits, but any other potluck contributions will be appreciated.

Spread the word and see you on Tuesday at 6:30!

WELLS WORKS

Friday, December 8

Island Mountain Arts is pleased to announce the annual Wells Works exhibition, celebrating the artistic talent of our community. The exhibition will open with a coffeehouse, where all are welcome to take the stage. The Opening will begin at 7pm with a coffeehouse to follow.

SUNSET THEATRE

Christmas Cabaret

Saturday, December 9, 8pm

Also, big welcome back to Kym Gouchie and Michelle Thrush. From December 2 - 9 they will be at the Sunset Theatre to work on a new play by Kym currently titled: *Blood Runs through my Braids*.

The seeds of this play were planted during last year's Exploration Series where Kym spent a week in Wells for a 'scrapbooking' phase, compiling memories, pictures, drawings, events of people, places and things. Each Artist is supported at whatever point they are in the process of their new work. The focus is not on production, though that is the end goal, the path could take many twists and turns before we get to that point.

If you see Kym and Michelle around town, give them a shout out. It's really special to have two amazing artists in our community to create new work.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE

December 9th & 10th

All your favourite local vendors will be at the Jack O'Clubs General so if you haven't finished your holiday shopping, this might help you out!

BARKERVILLE VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

December 9 – 11

10:00am – 4:00pm Daily

Sleigh Rides, Father Christmas, a special dramatic reading by Barkerville's Mr. Bowron of Charles Dickens' a Christmas Carol, Christmas Gifts, Holiday Baking, Decorated Displays, Open Exhibits, check it out at www.barkerville.ca/victorianchristmas

BARKERVILLE ACTIVITY SEASON

This includes the Shamrock Tube Run, covered skating rink, café, snowshoe rentals, kick sled rentals and skate rentals, the café is now open and the other activities are planned to be ready by December 9th.

DECEMBER SENIORS BINGO

Thursday, December 14

7:00pm, Doors Open 6:30pm

Special Christmas Prizes including a turkey and other such items.

VOLUNTEER MEETING FOR BARKERVILLE DASH

Thursday, December 14

3:00 – 4:00 pm in the Banquet Room

This will be the only in person meeting for the volunteers for the Barkerville Dash. Agenda will be to:

- > review changes that the Gold Rush Sled Dog Mail Run association has made
- > review the new information for the Barkerville Dash
- > sign up for time slots.

After this meeting all communication will be via email.

WELCOME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY POTLUCK

"People who love to eat are always the best people"

Julia Child

Held on the 4th Thursday of each month the Community Potluck will be held in the Banquet Room of the Community Hall.

We encourage everyone to join together for good food, stories and laughter.

In the tradition of prior community potlucks you are encouraged to bring something to share and to bring your own plate and cutlery.

Mark your calendars – 4th Thursday of the month from 6 - 8 pm

January 25 March 22

Feb 22 April 26

NEW YEARS BLACK TIE, RED CARPET

Presented by the Jack O' Clubs General, the party will kick off at 9 pm and at the Jack.

Disco Dan has been booked to ring in the new year with some awesome dance music.

We've decided that instead of a cover charge we ask that everyone brings a toonie and we are going to donate all proceeds from the door to The Wells Elementary school and the Huckleberry Daycare Centre.

You can also book your dinner reservations at the Jack – 4 course dinner for \$45. Call 250 994 3242 for reservations.

NEW YEARS GLITTER GALA

A Masquerade Ball presented by the Wells Hotel beginning at 8:00pm. Break out the sequins dresses, glitter and fancy mask! We are ringing in the new year with style!

Come to the Wells Hotel Pub on New Years Eve and let's toast to new beginnings. Come dressed in your finest and don't forget your mask for this ball!



DISTRICT NEWS

PUBLIC INVITATION

A tour of the Wells-Barkerville Community Forest (WBCF) harvesting area (2017-18) has been arranged for Sunday, December 10th in the afternoon (12 Noon to 4 pm). The tour will be lead by West Fraser Mills staff.

Members of the WBCF Board and District of Wells Council will be participating in the tour.

Interested residents of the District of Wells who would like to participate in the tour are asked to confirm with the District of Wells office by NOON Thursday, December 7th (tel: 250-994-3330 or by email: office@wells.ca).

Tour participants will meet at 11:45 am on Sunday, December 10th in front of the Wells Community Hall. The tour will leave at 12 NOON.

Please note, West Fraser Mills staff will need to limit the total number of tour participants to 20. If you are interested in attending the tour please contact the District of Wells office at 250-994-3330 as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

WILDFIRE NEWS

Wednesday, December 13

Banquet Room in the Community Hall

Additional financial assistance and support to:

- > Small Business
- > Not for Profit organizations
- > First Nations Cultural Livelihoods.

On Wednesday, December 13 there will be Red Cross personnel available in the Banquet Room to take your information and immediately help process your application for additional financial assistance.

We are very fortunate to have been able to arrange for the Red Cross to come to our community rather than having to drive to Quesnel for this service and I encour-

age EVERY business and non-profit to plan on coming down and applying for this additional financial assistance.

This additional financial assistance is to support fixed and new expenses that are uninsured and that have occurred as a result of interrupted business operations due to the fires. The amount of financial assistance provided to eligible businesses will be based on their individual needs, as determined through the application process. EVERY business and non profit in Wells, New Barkerville, Bowron Lake, and Troll should plan on applying for this assistance.

Some of the expenses they are looking to support include:

- > Loss of income
- > Deductible from insurance claim
- > Outstanding, overdue or reimbursement of utility bills
- > Assistance with lease payment
- > Other fixed expense requirements, excluding wages

This is only a partial list, so if you have a question about a possible expense, make sure you come down and get the answers straight from the Red Cross.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in Phase 2 of the BC Fires Support to Small Business and First Nations Cultural Livelihoods Program, the business or individual will need to supply documentation from each of the following categories:

ONE of the following:

Financial document (*most recent statement [within the last 3 years]*)

- > T1 General Income Tax Return (*personal*) showing business income
- > T2 Corporation Income Tax Return
- > T2125 Statement of Business or Professional Activities
- > Schedule 5 – Tax Calculation Supplementary – Corporation Form
- > Schedule 427 – BC Corporate Tax Calculation Form
- > For businesses in operation less than one year, please provide a profit and loss statement or complete the Schedule of Revenue and Expenses.

ONE of the following:

Licensing document

- > Business License
- > Professional License
- > BC Registration
- > Other Provincial or Federal License
- > Farm Registration Number
- > Agricultural License
- > Trapper License Number
- > AGR-1 Statement of Farm Support Payments
- > Invoice from third party for goods or services purchased by the small business, referencing the name of the small business and purchased within the last 12 months.

In addition to these two documents, you may be asked for additional documentation to prove various expense amounts. If you have supporting documentation readily available please bring it with you just in case it is needed.

Minimum Requirements to Apply:

- > Have 50 employees or less
- > Be located in an eligible community (*Wells-Barkerville is*)
- > Have been in operation on or before July 7, 2017
- > Be financial vulnerable as a result of the 2017 BC Fires
- > Have resumed or are intending to resume operations
- > Have a net income of less than \$250,000
- > Have the business or livelihood be their primary source of income.

As you can see almost all the businesses and non profits in our community are eligible to apply. We are also working with other Recovery Managers to have the last requirement point lifted as we don't feel that it is a fair assessment. If that is a requirement that causes you concern, please let Wylie know and still apply so that we have a record of it.

The intake for this phase 2 is from November 20, 2017 to April 6, 2018. Although we will try to get the Red Cross back into town in the New Year that may not be possible

depending on their schedule with other communities, so I URGENTLY recommend that you take this opportunity to make this application in our own community.

As the Wildfire Recovery Manager for Wells and Area, Wylie is working to bring as many resources and supports to the community as possible, such as having the Red Cross come into our Community and the CRD Wildfire Presentation at the Town Hall. There is still a lot of work to do and a lot of information to gather – so you can expect to see wildfire updates coming to you directly from Wylie as well as requests for information through confidential surveys. In order to bring services, support, resources and finances to the community we need to keep talking to each other so that Wylie knows what to promote for the community. If you have had a problem accessing support or services, let Wylie know so that she can help to advocate on your behalf with the Red Cross, Provincial Ministries or other providers.

CRD HIGHLIGHTS

2018 CRD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTED

The Regional District Board of Directors elected Margo Wagner (Electoral Area H) to serve as Board Chair. Director Al Richmond was also nominated for the position, but declined the nomination. Congratulations to Director Wagner and many thanks to Director Richmond for his nine years of service as CRD Chair.

The Board also re-elected John Massier (Electoral Area C) as Vice-Chair for 2018. Director Massier has served as Vice-Chair since 2016.

ESTIMATED WILDFIRE TIMBER LOSSES

Jeff Mycock, Chief Forester, BC Operations of West Fraser Mills Ltd., and Tom Hoffman, Manager, Tolko Industries Ltd., spoke to the Regional District Board about the timber losses from the summer's wildfires and the resulting impact. It is estimated that the fires impacted close to one year of the Provincial Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) and up to 6-10 years of the AAC in Cariboo management units. Recent estimates also indicate about 24 percent of the burned timber in the Cariboo is salvageable.

PROVINCIAL WILDFIRE RECOVERY UPDATE

The Board heard an update from Ken Vanderburgh and Mike Pederson from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development about the progress they are making on wildfire recovery.

- > Their structure is in place, including the Community Wildfire Recovery Branch, and the District offices are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- > Work on a Range Resource Inventory and Invasive Plant Strategy is expected to begin in December.
- > The Ministry is working with First Nations to maximize their economic opportunities in wildfire recovery efforts.
- > Rehabilitation plans are complete for two Cariboo wildfires, the rest are ongoing. About 200 kilometres of fireguards have been rehabilitated so far.
- > Cutting permits are being expedited to address the deficit of log supply at mills and fair stumpage rates have been established. Licensee salvage operations have begun.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

4308 Sanders Avenue, and 4283 Sanders Avenue, Wells, BC

The District of Wells seeks Expressions of Interest for two properties owned by the municipality. Documents on these two properties are available at the District office or on the District website.

Information concerning the land use regulations impacting the two properties identified above is available at the District of Wells Municipal Office, 4243 Sanders Avenue, Wells (PO Box 219, Wells, BC, V0K 2R0).

Completed Expressions of Interest must be returned to the District of Wells Municipal Office no later than 2:00 PM Thursday, January 25, 2018 when they will be publicly opened.

A description of the proposed development on the property including specific uses anticipated for the site must accompany the Expression of Interest.

The District of Wells reserves the right not to accept any Expression of Interest submitted.

Please direct any questions concerning these matters to the District of Wells Office (Telephone: 250-994-3330; Email: office@wells.ca).

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

Thank you to the over 65 community members who came out for first inaugural town hall on November 22. District Mayor, Council and Staff had a great time talking with everyone and we appreciated the time you took to come out, fill out surveys, watch and participate in the CRD Wildfire Presentation and go around the tables talking about different topics.

The surveys are being data entered and the results will be available to the community. The feedback will be used to inform decisions on those topics.

We have a number of thank you's to make:

Emily Epp, CRD Communications Manager

Stephanie Masun, CRD Wildfire Recovery Manager

Rebecca Beuschel, Facilitator for the event

Caleb and Eric at the Jack O Clubs for the great dinner

Richard George for the Bannock

Kate and Tim at The Bread Peddler for the variety of loaves

Caroline at Morsels Moveable Feast for the amazing desserts

Thanks so much for the effort and quality products! Love Local!!

GRANTS IN AID

The District is pleased to announce that the Grant in Aid application period is now open from November 6 – December 15, 2017.

In November 2014, District Council at that time adopted the following Grant In Aid policy, revoking all previous grant-in-aid policies:

GRANT-IN-AID POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for awarding grants to community organizations within the District whose work benefits the local community. The awarding of all grants-in-aid is the prerogative of Council and/or the Grants Review Committee and should not be viewed as an entitlement by any group.

Policy

1. Grants-in-aid are designed as grants to assist eligible groups and associations with:
 - > general operating costs;
 - > costs associated with the introduction of new programs, the procurement of equipment or the development of new facilities.
2. Any group that wishes to apply for a grant-in-aid must submit to the District of Wells Office:
 - > a written justification of the need for the grant;
 - > the latest financial statement of the organization;
 - > the projected income and expense statements for the group or for the specific project on which grant monies would be expended;
 - > a demonstration of the benefit to the community of the group's work;
 - > a completed Application Form.
3. Accountability is a requirement of all grant recipients. Successful applicants will be expected to account fully for the expenditure of a grant and to make their financial records open and available to the public.
4. At the end of the grant period the recipient will be required to complete the Grant-In-Aid Recipient Follow-Up Report including a financial statement of the program/activity details.
5. Only one application per organization may be submitted in each funding year. In extenuating circumstances, more than one application per organization may be considered in a funding year.
6. Each year the District shall advertise the availability of grants-in-aid and the requirement for a formal grants-in-aid application for the coming year.
7. The application deadline will be established on an annual basis by the District of Wells. No late applications will be considered.



8. Funding may be revoked by the District of Wells should there be a misappropriation of funds, failure to report or misrepresentation by the receiving organization.

Applications for the grant in aid can now be found on the district website – www.wells.ca – or can be picked up from the District of Wells office at 4243 Sanders Avenue.

If you have questions regarding the application or reporting please call Wylie at 250-994-3330 or email at marketing@wells.ca

BUSINESS NEWS

WELLS BUSINESS HOURS FOR VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Thanks to Ksenya for her help in pulling this list together

Amazing Space

Open Saturday, Sunday & Monday from 10am - 6pm.
Other times on the weekend as well by appointment or doorbell.

BNC Mercantile

Friday, 8th — 9am - 5pm Saturday, 9th — 9am - 6pm
Sunday, 10th — 9am - 5pm Monday, 11th — 9am - 5pm

Frog On The Bog

Open weekends in December — 3pm - 7pm

Victorian Christmas weekend

Open Friday & Monday as well — 10am - 8pm
Other times? Just give them a call!

Weekend Accommodations:

Mountain Thyme and *St. George Hotel* are both booked.
Some rooms at the *The Willow* are available for Friday & Saturday or Saturday & Sunday (2 night minimum)

Hubs Motel

All rooms booked Saturday night, December 9.
Some availability other nights.

Island Mountain Arts

Open Tuesday - Friday — 11am - 5pm
Open Saturday & Sunday — 4pm - 7pm

Wells Works exhibition & Coffeehouse

Friday, December 8 — 7pm
Refreshments and snacks available (by donation).

Jack O' Clubs General

Open daily — 8am - 8pm

December 9 and 10

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale — 9am - 5pm
With all your favourite local vendors.

Jack O' Clubs Restaurant

Open daily — 8am - 9pm, pub open late.

KSL Designs

Open December 10 and 11 — 1pm - 6pm

Museum

Open Monday - Friday — 10am - 5:30pm

Northwoods Restaurant

December 8 — 8am - 7pm, December 9, 10 & 11 — 7am - 7pm

Pooley Street Pub

Open daily — 5pm - Close
Monday to Saturday — 5pm - 10pm for Dinner

Pooley Street Café

Monday - Saturday — 6:30am - 10am & 5pm - 9pm
Sundays — Breakfast: 7am - 10am & Buffet: 10am - 12pm
Christmas breakfast, dinner and dessert specials all December!

Sunset Theatre

Christmas Cabaret

Saturday, December 9 — 8pm, concession open!

Wells Hotel

Rooms — BOOKED

Wells Legion

Regular hours — 4pm - 8pm

Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 10 — 6:30pm (by donation)

POOLEY ST. CAFÉ IS OPEN

Congratulations and Welcome to Tamara and Bob Bedard who have reopened the Pooley St. Café.

Tamara and Bob and their three kids have moved back to Wells permanently (relocating from Alberta) and will be operating the Pooley St. Café in the Wells Hotel.

Between this husband and wife combo plate they have over 25 years cooking experience. Tamara attended the Pacific Culinary Institute and graduated as the top student and Bob is a Red Seal Chef. They continue to operate their catering companies in Alberta where they have provided catering to feature films for over 20 years and camp catering for large oil and gas camps.

With the Grand Opening on December 2 they are looking forward to an exciting first month. For the Victorian Christmas they have received a Special Event License which allows mulled wine, festive eggnog and other specialty drinks throughout the main floor of the hotel. This will make visiting so much easier! For the kids there will be punch and apple cider available while everyone can enjoy cookie decorating, making cranberry and popcorn garlands and board games. As a special on Saturday, December 9 the Pooley St. Café will also be serving Roast Turkey and Ham!!



FIRECADDY WITH HONDA MOTOR AND DAVEY PUMP FOR SALE

150 Gallon capacity tank on a trailer. Has fire retardent foam injection to greatly reduce the amount of water needed to extinguish fire.

Comes with two 5 gallon foam totes. Like new, never used. Well maintained, stored in shop. Extra fire hoses negotiable. Paid \$13000 brand new.

Asking \$3000 obo. May consider trades for hunting vehicle, toyota/suzuki/etc.

Email: dforseille@gmail.com or text or call Donna (250) 316-6526 or Jay (250) 316-6525