



Sasamat Fire Department September News



40th Anniversary Recap:

On July 7th, approximately 400 residents, guests, and retired members came to Spirit Park and attended our 40th anniversary event. It was a very enjoyable party. The food and live band were great, local kids had a blast, the communities' original 1956 LaFrance firetruck showed up from Washington State, and the disco ball hanging from our new ladder truck added to the fun. Thanks to all those who donated items to our event, to those SVFD members and volunteers who organized it, and to all residents who came out to enjoy the evening. It was awesome!

New Training Structure in Anmore:

The SVFD is proud to announce that it has a new training facility adjacent to our Anmore Hall. This structure will be used for training with our new SCBAs and conducting more intricate rescue scenarios. To those firefighters who planned and helped build the structure - many thanks.

SVFD Student Bursaries:

Each year our firefighter association passes along a bursary to an Anmore or Belcarra grade 12 applicant. Our firefighters raise these funds by holding an annual community carwash. In 2018 we raised enough money to give to two grade 12 students. Claire Heisler and current SVFD trainee, Brielle Rheaume were this year's award recipients. Congratulations! We wish you two good luck in post-secondary courses.



Forestry Signs & Burning Ban:

You likely have seen our new forestry signs at the Village entrances. These are part of our ongoing effort to get the message out about illegal burning and the risk of forest fire. The surrounding forests have been tinder dry for many weeks and, as of August 20th, we've seen one significant forestry event at Buntzen Lake. Nevertheless, progress is being made. We've had zero summer bonfires and only a handful of burning complaints about neighbours ignoring fire restrictions. This is a significant improvement over the last few years - thank you all for your cooperation.

Please continue to be vigilant over the next few weeks as we begin to transition over to wetter weather. The forests are dry out there and the threat of forest fire remains.

Sincerely,

Jay Sharpe (*Fire Chief*)

Dave Gregory (*Dist. Chief Anmore*)

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