

WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION NEWS

What a difference between the summer of 2019 and the previous 2 years! Cooler temperatures and lots of rain have prevented wildfires at our door; what a relief! Nevertheless, weather can change, so it's important to be ready because the possibility of wildfire still exists if the autumn is hot and dry. Also, fires break out for other reasons than heat, so we always have to be prepared.

Our community is fortunate in that we not only have the community fire trailer ready to go in an emergency, but we also have a number of privately-owned water trailers prepared to move at short notice. Homeowners' interest in learning about and implementing FireSmart strategies for their homes has been awakened and hopefully, will continue to grow from now on. Thirteen homeowners took advantage of the RDEK sponsored chipper on July 7 and set out branches and tree debris to be picked up and disposed of. And great news...we just learned that RDEK will sponsor another chipper day on October 15, so get ready to do more Firesmart cleanup this fall! Watch for more info to come.

Many local homeowners have invested in gutter-mounted sprinkler systems and set up water cubes with gas powered pumps to protect their own properties if fire threatens. If you are one of the many recipients of water cubes delivered to you, please remember that although the cubes are obtained free from the Skookumchuck Pulp Mill, it costs the volunteers money to deliver them and we would very much appreciate a donation (suggested amount is \$25/cube) to our fire prevention efforts. We guarantee that all donations will be put to good use in helping to keep the fire prevention and suppression momentum moving forward.

A big shout-out to those who have already donated!

Our final project of 2019 is to build a secure shelter for the community fire trailer at the Wasa Lion's Grounds. Calling all carpenters, handymen and handywomen: **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to complete this project! Please watch for more info to come; you may receive a call or email asking for your participation. Contact Kathy at 422-3759 or kathyemccauley@gmail.com to let us know you would like to help or to arrange a donation for your water cube.