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Fall**

Casa Loma Community Association: Uniting Our Community

# Casa Loma Chronicles

**Important Date >>>**

## Mark your Calendar for a Spooktacular Fall BBQ!

*Get ready for a ghoulishly good time at our Fall BBQ on October 29th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Join us for a day of tasty burgers, piping hot chocolate, and pumpkin-themed fun in your Halloween best!*

*Bring your own pumpkin to carve or paint, and let your creative spirit run wild. Costumes are encouraged, so dress to impress in your Halloween attire for a chance to win some spooktacular prizes. We've got giveaways and treats galore to make this an unforgettable autumn gathering.*

*This is an event the whole family will enjoy, so invite your friends and neighbors for a frightfully fantastic time. Let's celebrate the season together!*

## Join Us for an Epic Evening Under the Stars!

*Get ready to soar into the danger zone with an adrenaline-packed Community Movie Night in Dupuis Park!*

On the evening of September 15<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to relive the classic thrill of "Top Gun" right in our beautiful park.

The action takes off at dark, but the fun starts at 7:30 pm. So come early, snag the best seats and as the sun sets, grab your complementary popcorn – it's as golden as the California sunset. Don't forget to bring your favorite drinks, cozy blankets, and chairs for the ultimate movie night experience.

Whether you're a Maverick or just looking for a great time with friends and neighbors, this is an event

you won't want to miss! Let's celebrate the end of summer and our neighborhood, that survived the fire intact, with a night of high-flying excitement in Dupuis Park. Don't forget to bring your family, friends, and your enthusiasm for an unforgettable cinematic experience.

*Remember, Maverick, the date is September 15<sup>th</sup>, and the action begins at dark. See you there!*



## Letter from the President >>>



Welcome to the late summer of 2023. We started our summer with a celebration of our 35<sup>th</sup>

anniversary at our AGM and Summer BBQ. It was quite an event with a speech from our President Ryan Holt and the City of West Kelowna's Mayor Milsom. Then onto the BBQ, cake and ice cream. While in the background we had our neighbours singing. it was a great party!

The Casa Loma Community has rallied to many causes. From drainage ditches, upgrading our beaches, to overdevelopment of the land. Then the McDougall Creek Fire. It has shown the resilience of the Casa Loma Community, pulling together to help our neighbours. A big hand goes to John Martin and the FireSmart crew keeping us informed and keeping track of who was here and who had left, in the event we had to evacuate. A tremendous feeling of relief was felt when the evacuation alert was lifted. Casa Loma Community is privileged to have West Kelowna Fire Chief Jason Brolund and the firemen working to protect our community and homes.

Now that the threat of fire has receded for us, the Casa Loma Directors met to reevaluate our fall projects. Included was a discussion on how we did in response to the fire and what we can do better. We ended with a look forward to involving the community again, with a couple of timely events.

The 2023 Directors want all to stay safe and healthy.

George Lake

CLCA President

## Your New CLCA Board cont...



**Amy Bell**  
Block Watch/Facebook



**Ryan Holt**  
Advisor



**Jasper Kock**  
Signage



**Frederica Robertson**  
Fun Coordinator

## Your New CLCA Board >>>



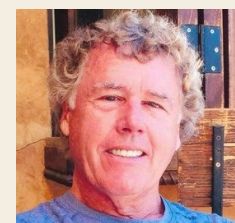
**George Lake**  
President



**Brenda Henschel**  
Co-Treasurer



**Jill Rodrigues**  
Secretary/Newsletter



**Scott Rowland**  
Special Projects



Thank you >>>

# The McDougall Creek Wildfire

*As the McDougall Creek wildfire continues to rage in the southwest, our community intersection of relief and gratitude. While the fire still poses a threat for some, and has wreaked life changing havoc on others, we are no longer under evacuation alert, and we breathe a collective sigh of relief. Our hearts are filled with appreciation for the heroes who have been battling this relentless blaze day and night. And for those who have kept us up to date on this ever-evolving situation, in our regional district, our city and our neighborhood.*



## Bravery in the Flames

*We would like to thank our heroes, the firefighters, who have shown unwavering dedication.*

*They've faced extreme conditions, battling not just flames but fatigue and danger. These courageous men and women have put their lives on the line, and we thank them profusely.*

## A Special Thanks to John Martin and the Fire Wardens

*Behind the scenes, a well-coordinated effort has been essential in keeping our community informed and prepared.*

*We would like to say a special thank you to John Martin and his team of fire wardens. Their ongoing work has been key in ensuring our community was prepared and informed. Their clear communication invaluable during the evacuation alert and the days before.*

## Our Community Response

*Amidst this crisis, our community has shown its strength and unity. Neighbors have rallied to help and support one another. It's in these moments of adversity that the true spirit of community shines through.*

*As the fall settles in, may we continue to be thankful for this beautiful place and our neighbors with whom we share it.*

Be Prepared >>>

## FireSmart

With the McDougall Creek Wildfire not yet under control, our need to continue to build our FireSmart Database is very much at the forefront of our community consciousness. If you did not receive emails from John Martin or a Casa Loma Fire Warden during the fire, you have not



provided contact information to your warden, or it is out of date.

Please consider taking the few minutes to contact your fire warden and providing your contact info. If you don't know who your fire warden is, please contact John Martin to find out.

## Key information:

**FireSmart Coordinator  
John Martin:**  
CLCAEmergency@gmail.com

## Build your Emergency Kit.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/build-an-emergency-kit-and-grab-and-go-bag#emergency-kit>

# Community Concerns



## Sewer Odor:

We're aware of the reported sewer odor issue in the neighborhood. The city has investigated and identified a valve failure. Although the necessary part is on order, it's unfortunate that it's a few months away. In the meantime, the city is proactively flushing the system and will soon install odor monitors to pinpoint the source and minimize any inconvenience. Your patience is appreciated as we work to resolve this.

## Website Address

*Check out the revamped Casa Loma Community Association website for all things Casa Loma.*

[www.casalomacommunity.com](http://www.casalomacommunity.com)

## Traffic Calming:

To enhance safety and act as a reminder, we've placed traffic calming signs in flowerpots along our roadsides. We kindly ask everyone to be part of the solution by obeying speed limits. Remember, we're not a through neighborhood, so many of the speeders are us! Responsible driving is crucial, especially on Campbell Road where there is very little shoulder to walk – it's our community's safety at stake.

## Have a question?

Email:

[info@casalomacommunity.com](mailto:info@casalomacommunity.com)

## Thank you to retiring Board Members >>>

*We would like to say thank you to our retiring board member, Yvette Rasmussen, and our Past President Ryan Holt, who has agreed to stay on the board and advise us. Your efforts have helped make the community what it is today. Thank you.*

## Want to join CLCA?

It's easy. And there are 3 ways to do it.

- Look for the sign-up form coming soon to the website.
- Contact us by email.
- Attend the upcoming events and sign up in person.

