



Firefighting

Rural areas get insurance break

Better firefighting means insurance is cheaper for many rural Langley residents.

More than 5,600 rural properties in the Township of Langley will receive enhanced fire protection service and significant insurance savings, thanks to the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation.

This year, Langley Township's Fire Department took on the third and final phase of testing for the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) Accreditation in southeast Langley. Through a demanding documenta-

tion and training process, crews proved they can quickly move and maintain an effective water supply to fires in remote rural areas not serviced by hydrants.

FUS Accreditation was received for the Township's southwest area last year, and this spring, northeast Langley was accredited.

"This was a massive undertaking that involved the entire fire department. Now that the process is complete, residents in most rural areas will benefit and see substantial insurance savings," said assistant fire Chief Pat Walker.

Thanks to the accreditation, residential property owners may see

their insurance premiums drop by up to 50 per cent, a savings of hundreds – even thousands – of dollars.

To be accredited by the FUS, a fire department must prove it can provide an alternative water supply and delivery system that can establish and maintain a flow of 900 litres per minute within five minutes of a fire engine arriving on scene, and sustained for two hours.

The enhanced fire service covers as much of the rural Township as possible, although some properties won't meet the FUS Accreditation criteria of being within eight kilometres of a fire hall and five kilometres of a fire hydrant.

Food

Hunger and food issues on the menu

Chew on this – World Food Day is Oct. 16.

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Local activities to mark World Food Day Oct. 16 continue to grow.

Now in year four, the local event has been moved to the Langley Events Centre to allow for more people to participate.

World Food Day is an annual United Nations celebration that began in 1981 and is now recog-

nized in 150 countries as a day for raising public awareness.

Despite the need to eat, many people are still unaware about food, food security, production, nutrition, hunger, poverty and other related issues.

Be the Change – Share the Bounty is the theme for this year's gathering which will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the events centre.

The event has been previously held at schools and Kwantlen Polytechnic University. The emphasis remains the same with organizers focused

on engaging students to think about how they can change the world.

Organizer Maria Martini, who started the Food for Famine Society, explained that the intent is to reach young people. That's why between 1,000 and 1,500 local students will take part (there's also room for about 500 community members).

"Our vision for World Food Day is to engage, empower and inspire everyone to make a difference in the world," she said.

The event will be live

streamed but the public is welcome to attend the event (RSVP for lunch to rsvp@worldfooddaycanada.ca).

The Food for Famine Society is also hosting a corporate breakfast on Oct. 15. For more information about the society and World Food Day, check out www.foodforfamine.org. Food for Famine is a registered local charity providing malnourished children in developing countries with Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food.

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