

BIG ARM ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2006

Question?..... Ideas?.....Please call Alison 849-6628, Jan 849-5636, Kristin 849-5326

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

All Boats Welcome

7:30 Elmo Fishing Access, To Bay of Big Arm, To Melita Island, back to La Riviera with Captain Charles Becker at the Helm. Patriotic Decorations Optional. **Please call to Register.** Landlubbers Please Support our Fleet by Wildly Cheering from the Shore

JULY 24 PICNIC 5:30 pm
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR,
PICNIC, FAMILY & FRIENDS
Free Entertainment
Sham Rockers, Big Ed
The Fiddlers
Come Join In The Fun!!!
AUGUST 28 POTLUCK

local events try www.flatheadevents.com

Volunteer Firefighter News

5/23 Rocky Point, light fixture
5/23 Training Boat Safety
5/24 County Court Hs. Smoke
5/24 Committee- Truck Specs
6/6 Smoke/Fire Trailer Training Unit
6/9 Jette Store Accident
6/10 Motor Bike/Bear accident
6/12 Deer/car accident
6/13 By-law, Business Meeting
Truck inspection
6/20 Training Firework Safety

MANY, MANY THANKS
BIG ARM & POLSON
FIREFIGHTERS

Big Arm:-

Jack & Ellen Dunn,
Tom Sadecki, Jeff
Meslin, Ron Friez, Ray
Geiser, Steve Doll, Jack
Konitz,
Viki & Jim Brandenburg,
Stewart Rhodes.
Waiting for Acceptance :
Cory Anderson &
Sandra Debruin

THANK YOU to Everyone Who Has Worked So Hard to Make this Fund Raiser Such an Incredible Event. Thank You Businesses For Donations! Thank You Good Neighbors for the Wonderful Treasures for the Auction & Yard Sale.

The last 6 weeks has been a flurry of activity with so many neighbors helping to make this fund raiser day a huge success. Through generous donations we have filled 3 storage units. A big thank you to local businesses that have supported us, Big Arm Storage, Flathead Lock & Safe, First Interstate Bank, Lake County Abstract, Fidelity Title Agency, Lake City Bakery, Community Bank, West Shore Cabinets, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Mission Valley Power, The Lake Times, Earl Holland Signs, Polson Bay Grocery, 3 Dog Down, Country Foods, D&D Customs & Coatings, La Riviera, Top 40 Video, Cappadocia, Arrowhead RV, High Ground Espresso and more! Jim & Viki Brandenburg have spent hours mowing and doing electrical work, thank you. Earle & Wanelda Schafer & Lester Johnson helped prepare the fire hall, thank you. Jeff Meslin, Ron Friez, Todd Funk, Tom Sadecki, Denis Wolfe plus others who helped collect items from neighbors, thank you. Viki, Mary Driscoll & Sandra Debruin who organized the clothing boutique, thank you. Trish Friez, who has visited practically every business in town, plus a billion other things, thank you. Jan Phillips and Kristin Osborn have spent so many hours planning, organizing, working on everything, thank you. Thank you to all Leaders who helped plan and prepare. Thank you to all the telephone tree helpers. Thank you to the Bakers of pies & cakes. Thank you to everyone who came out to help this weekend. Thank you, brave Firefighters, Ross Hoyt, Glen Wallace, Svend Larsen for this special hamburger fry. Thank you Polson Rural Firefighters who once again are here to support us. Thank you to everyone who attended the event. **THANK YOU.**

Treasurers Report: Balance is \$19,219.78. We have purchased 2 tents, 20 chairs, postage stamps, stationery, liability insurance, reader-sign, toilet & storage rental plus misc. expenses. A special thank you to Sharon Williams who keeps meticulous records.

Septic System we are all ready to start but we still have to meet a few tribal requirements one being surveying the land. Mary thank you for all your work.

Rural Grant: another meeting with the grant writer and presented our "sweat equity" hours. The 3 general leaders have worked over 1,000 since December, add that to all leaders, electrician, lawyer, treasurer, callers etc. we have accumulated almost 3,000 hours. That makes a huge statement about the kind of neighbors we have in Big Arm and also enables us to be eligible for a sizeable grant. We will keep you posted.

School House Committee met with the School Board (district 23) on June 12. We presented our plan to restore the Historic School House for use as a community building and to use the surrounding land as a community park. The Board would like more funds for the schools and did not consider that our Big Arm School has any historical significance. Since then we have contacted the Commissioners, the County Superintendent, Flathead Reservation Historical Society, and The Montana State National Register of Historical Buildings who are all supporting a compromise we have suggested to the Board. While we wait we have spoken with different newspapers and are asking all interested persons to sign our petition.

Elections: When we started BAA we promised to have elections of leaders in July. Attached is a ballot sheet for Big Arm residents. Listed are the main leaders of the Association and if you are happy with what they are doing please vote to confirm our positions for the next year. Please hand in the ballot at our July 24 picnic or mail to P.O. Box 11.

If you would like to see a change please add your name, cross out the person you wish to replace and make sure we have the ballot back by July 15.

We have additional positions available for Communication, Tribal Liaison, Work Party and Activity Leaders. Please add your name and the position you would like to help with. Any questions please call.

By-Law Changes....1st change: Eliminate verbal committee reports in the general meeting which will shorten the meetings and make them more of a community social event. We propose to continue distributing a newsletter to update everyone. Question will always be welcome. **2nd change:** We are about to start the upgrades to the Fire Hall and will need to pay a lot of bills. As the project has already been approved by the residents we are suggesting a majority vote from the leadership to approve individual expenses with a full accounting to the general public upon request

Renovations will hopefully be started soon. We are looking for volunteers to sheetrock, paint, repair, install bathroom fixtures etc. please call to join one of the work parties. It is a GREAT way to get acquainted with a wonderful group of neighbors.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GENEROSITY, ENTHUSIASM AND HELP.

