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## April 1, 2010



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Hello everyone,

Hard to believe that Easter is upon us. I am in Victoria as I write this edition but looking forward to a flight home later tonight. It has been a legislative sitting week and that always means early mornings and late nights prepping for meetings, debates, question period and time away from home. Looking forward to being homeward bound!

With spring around the corner the Province is launching its enhanced Discover Camping reservation service, which comes into effect today. With the new service, campers will be able to book double sites in a single reservation to guarantee that families or friends can camp together. The new online reservation service is more user-friendly, with a step-by-step process on an easy-to-use website. It is expected to reduce gatehouse and check-in line-ups at campsites, since campers will have chosen their sites ahead of time. The Discover Camping phone number and web address stay the same: visit [www.discovercamping.ca](http://www.discovercamping.ca) or call 1-800 689-9025 to make campsite reservations. Overseas callers may call 519 826-6850. Since 2001, the B.C. government has invested \$70 million in capital improvements for BC Parks, including upgrades to drinking water systems, washrooms and picnic areas. There are some great sites in northern BC. I would encourage you to use these new tools to enhance your camping experience.

Have you ever wanted to have a say in the way your local

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**BC Nurse line:** 24 hour,  
Toll free 1-866-215-4700

**Pharma Net Hotline:**  
Mon-Fri (8:30-4:30pm)  
1-800-387-4700

**Health Info Line:** Mon-Fri  
(8:30-4:30pm)  
1-800-465-4911

**Victim Link:** 7 days a  
week,  
24 hours, 1-800-563-0808

government is elected? If so, this is your chance. There are still a few weeks left for citizens, organizations and community groups to submit written feedback to the joint Local Government Elections Task Force. Topics covered in this consultation have ranged from campaign finance to the length of term of office. We know how important it is to seek opinions from a diverse range of stakeholders as well, and we have invited input from local governments, citizens, community groups, the Leader of the Opposition and organizations such as the BC Chamber of Commerce, the BC Federation of Labour, BC School Trustees Association and BC Teachers Federation. Comments can be provided in a number of ways. Please visit the website online at [www.localelectionstaskforce.gov.bc.ca](http://www.localelectionstaskforce.gov.bc.ca), for more details and you have your say.

Lastly, over the next few weeks and months I am going to be highlighting northern transportation projects that are underway this year. This will give a chance for all of you to learn about the important investments in northern transportation infrastructure. This week we are featuring the \$40.4 million Bennett Creek to Link Creek realignment in the Pine Pass, 200 kilometres north of Prince George. This realignment will reduce travel time on Hwy 97N by eliminating five reduced speed advisory curves and greatly increasing the shoulder clearance by an additional three metres for snow storage and driving. The contract was awarded to a local contractor and there has already been work to clear the site and begin excavation work. Part of the project will incorporate new structures to support our environmental goals by increasing vegetative fish habitat by more than 4600 square metres of new, in-stream habitat. This is a great investment in a key corridor between Prince George and the Peace River District.

There are lots of events happening in our community this Easter weekend including the Duchess Park Secondary Homecoming. I like so many of you attended Duchess Park for some of my high school years. I know it will be a special time for people to reconnect and share their stories. On Saturday we will also have our opportunity to support the family of soldier Darren Fitzpatrick and to pay tribute to him for his service to our country. It is so important that we pause and say thank you for the sacrifice on our behalf.

I hope that on this long weekend each of you will take the

time to enjoy the company of your family and friends to appreciate the new beginning that Spring and Easter represents. Bill and I look forward to giving Caleb his first Easter basket. I look forward to seeing you out and about...

Until next week,  
Shirley

## **This week's bouquet of recognition goes to....**

*Famous Players theatre  
For the Saturday morning free movies!  
Concession sales went to the paediatric ward  
at the University Hospital of Northern BC!  
Thanks for the support you give our  
Community!!*

## **Community Announcement**

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***Antique & Collectibles Fair  
April 10-11 at the Prince George  
Roll-A-Dome  
Fundraising event for  
Prince George Hospice House  
For more info call Joan 250-562-2551***

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### **Volunteer Fair 2010**

An Exhibition of Services provided by  
Non-Profit Organizations in Prince George.  
Great opportunity to connect with Volunteer organizations.  
Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Pine Centre Mall  
9am to 9pm  
For more information call Jo Nore at 250-564-0224

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## Mark your calendar...

- ❖ April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – **Duchess Park Alumni Homecoming** 2010 for more info go to [www.duchessparkhomecoming.ca](http://www.duchessparkhomecoming.ca)
- ❖ April 10-**Women in Song Concert** with Cindy Larsen Marcotte, Lecia Forster, Darlene Shatford and Julie Slade at the Legion Hall. Tickets at Books and Company and the Legion. \$25/per person.
- ❖ April 10 – **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Bob Ewert Memorial Lecture** Dinner Theatre with Charles Keating “I and I : the Sense of Self”(a Monologue on Aging) at the Prince George Civic Centre, Lecture Dinner \$100/per person call UNBC External Relations 250-960-5750 or ([advancement@unbc.ca](mailto:advancement@unbc.ca) )
- ❖ April 10-11 – **Annual Antique and Collectibles Fair**, Saturday, 10am – 5pm and Sunday, 10am to 4pm at the Prince George Roll-A-Dome. Admission \$4/per/day or \$6/2 days for Adults, Seniors \$3/per/day or \$5/2days children under 12 free- All proceeds from admission go to Prince George Hospice society for more info contact Joan at 250-562-2551
- ❖ April 11 – **Spirit of the North Day**, five hour recognition event and fundraising event live from CKPG Studio, for more info go <http://www.spiritofthenorth.bc.ca/>
- ❖ April 14 – May 2 – **A Nice Family Gathering** on stage at **Theatre North West** in Parkhill Centre. Tickets at Books & Co. More info at: [www.theatrenorthwest.com](http://www.theatrenorthwest.com)
- ❖ April 16 - Prince George Chamber of Commerce **AGM & Inauguration Dinner at the Coast Inn of the North**, Dinner, Tickets \$50 for members, \$60 for non members for more info call 250-562-2454
- ❖ April 17 – **Global Gourmet Fundraising Gala** at CNC, Dinner at 7pm, Dance to follow, \$50/per person only 150 tickets sold, call 250-561-5859
- ❖ April 21-to 23 – **Opportunity Rocks** at the Prince George Civic, for info go on line at [www.mineralsnorth.ca](http://www.mineralsnorth.ca)
- ❖ April 24<sup>th</sup> – **Spring Garage Sale** at ECRA 1692 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Donations welcome, Frozen Cookie dough on Sale.
- ❖ April 29 – Construction Industry Home Building Awards, Nomination forms available from CHBA-NBC contact Sharon Slager at 250-563-3306
- ❖ May 4– **Charlie Pride** at the CN Centre- tickets on sale November

- 27-www.tickemaster.ca or CN Centre Box Office
- ❖ May 6 – evening with **Bruce Cockburn**, at Vanier Hall , 7:30 pm, \$39.50 plus s/c, tickets on sale at ticketmaster 250-614-9100
  - ❖ May 7-9 -Canadian Cancer Society's **Relay for Life**, register your team today.
  - ❖ May 15 – Prince George Chamber of Commerce **President's Gala and Auction at the Ramada Plaza**, 6pm to 11pm. For thicketts or more info 250-562-2454
  - ❖ June 3-5, – **Resources Expo 2010**- Please visit new website for more info [www.bcresourcesexpo.com](http://www.bcresourcesexpo.com) .

***If you are a non profit organization and would like to advertise an upcoming event or share a story please email [Shirley](#)***

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