

SUBJECT: AUGUST 30, 2022 - DEB (Decatur Emergency Brigade) Community Communication

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Hello Decatur Islanders-

BAKE SALE BENEFITTING DEB:

Sara Gartner, along with a team of other supporters will be hosting a Bake Sale during the Decatur Saturday Market on Saturday, September 3rd, from 10am-2pm with proceeds benefiting DEB. The market is located at the schoolhouse.

If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop off at school just before 10am. If you would like to assist with set up and during the Bake Sale table, please text Sara Gartner at 360-904-9353. Hope to see you there!

FIRE RISK:

Please keep in mind that the Fire Danger is **HIGH**.

-**Camp Fires** are still currently allowed in incorporated San Juan County and DNR wildlands. Use extreme caution due to HIGH Fire Danger. If having a campfire, please follow SJC advisement; ensure the size is appropriate, no larger than 3' x 3', flame height 3' or less, cleared area around fire of 3' or more, built on bare soil, gravel, or in a fire bowl. Ensure to have a shovel and water source close by. Be sure to put the fire **dead out** before leaving unattended.

-**Residential (Slash) Fires are currently banned until early October**. A residential slash fire is the burning of yard debris, branches, etc., in piles of less than 10'. Such fires require a permit.

-**Commercial (Slash) Fires are currently banned until early October**. Burning yard debris and vegetation in piles greater than 10 feet in diameter require a commercial burn permit. Commercial burns are typically conducted by contractors to reduce the amount of waste created by large land clearing operations or while developing sites in San Juan County. Such fires require a permit.

For additional information, please visit:

SAN JUAN COUNTY:

<https://www.sanjuanco.com/1096/Open-Burn-Info>

<https://www.sanjuanco.com/1088/Fire-Marshal>

WA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

(with jurisdiction of Decatur Island's private wildlands)

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

Through the generous support of many of our Island Property Owner's and participating HOA's the startup and operations budget for 2022 has been fully funded. The immense outpouring of support allows DEB to advocate and advance our community fire preparedness mission and goals island-wide.

As a volunteer-based emergency response organization - we depend on your involvement. Decatur has a finite volunteer base and an even smaller potential first responder pool. This is the primary challenge with our aging and transient population/ volunteer base coupled with remoteness. Please consider volunteering support for the organization and/or consider being active in first responder training and alerts.

If you considered donating but have not yet-please do. An operating budget for 2023 is currently in development and is anticipated to be a fraction of this year's. Our primary expenses are expected to be insurance policies for the organization/ equipment/responders and equipment upgrades to truck #1 (of 4).

Donate directly at:

<https://tinyurl.com/donateDEB>

FIREWISE, READY, SET, GO PROGRAMS:

Many Islanders are curious about what they can do to better prepare their homes and properties for wildfire risks. DEB will be consolidating resources available for community members and HOA's to learn about resources available and what you and your neighbors can do to take action if desired.

Have a wonderful and safe Labor Day Weekend,

DEB Board of Directors

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