

Hello Decatur Island Property Owners,

As we are now into July, we are also entering into a season of higher fire danger. Mother Nature has given us more rain here than in the past few years, but fire is still a major concern and prevention continues to be our best defense.

BURN BAN

San Juan County has issued a burn ban. Only recreational camp fires that meet strict criteria are now allowed.

From San Juan County Fire Marshall Myers:

"The current fire danger level is low per the WA Dept. of Natural Resources. That being said, we are a bit drier out in the islands compared to mainland areas such as Whatcom and Skagit Counties. The rating of low is one indicator of risk but we do have some very, very dry areas as one moves around the county."

From the San Juan County Fire Marshall website:

COMMERCIAL BURN PERMITS ALL EXPIRE(D) MAY 31, 2020 - THE BURNING SEASON IS CLOSED.

Types of burning that require Commercial Permits: Land Clearing, Stump burning, Logging, Forestry work, Work that involves Heavy Machinery, Most work that an outside contractor is being paid to burn.

RECREATIONAL FIRES:

"Recreational fires are three feet or less in diameter, built on bare soil, gravel, or in a fire bowl. Recreational Fires are campfires. Use firewood only. No yard waste. No garbage. Please keep Recreational Campfires well away from structures and put them dead out before leaving them unattended."

FIREWORKS

Fireworks are not allowed in San Juan County without a permit. Please exercise extreme caution.

From Fire Marshall Myers: "As for fireworks, all personal fireworks are prohibited in San Juan County. There are typically community based shows on San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez. This year there are only three shows: a small one on Orcas, Roche Harbor, and Friday Harbor. Any other fireworks are not allowed and subject to fines from the San Juan County Sheriff as well as liability for suppression costs from DNR and Local fire departments for fires that occur as a result of firework use."

PUMP TRUCKS COMMUNITY VIEWING

The two new latest pump truck additions (four trucks total now) will be on display at the 4th of July parade, which begins at noon, Saturday, July 4, 2020. They will be on display at the OPALCO lot across from the store. The two other trucks will remain stationed in DNW. Please stop by. There will be people there to answer your questions.

FIRE EMERGENCY CONTACT

As with any emergency on Decatur Island, San Juan County Emergency Dispatch should be contacted in the event of a fire. CALL San Juan County Emergency Dispatch: **360-378-4141**

In addition, please contact one of the following people who have access to the pumper trucks:

Amber Lewis:	360-376-1402 (landline) 503-704-7623 (cell)
Andy Wood:	360-375-6969 (landline)
Mark Dupar:	360-202-0846 (cell)
Shawn Breeding:	360-395-6010 (landline) 360-420-0997 (cell)
Dennis Jenkins:	530-518-0416 (primary cell) 530-864-6351 (backup cell)
David Craggs:	360-375-6008 (work)

To ensure that these numbers are easily accessible, attached is a PDF document. We suggest:

- Printing and place near your phone, in your Island vehicle, etc. for easy access.
- Store on your phone as a screen shot and prioritize for easy access.
- As many have already done, the above numbers can be entered into your cell phone with a "Category" or "Key Word" of Decatur Fire. For Example: "John Doe : DECATUR FIRE"

Please note that no communication system on Decatur is failsafe and redundancy is important. We are working with DICERA and others on the Island to leverage current systems and potentially add systems to ensure, in case of Fire Emergency, Islanders are aware and can respond effectively. Any changes or updates will be communicated to Island Property Owners.

TRAINING UPDATE

Training continues to be a high priority. As previously reported, islandwide training has been delayed due to concerns about COVID-19. We are currently working with our professional fire experts to develop training that can be done in a safe manner. Stay tuned.

We all wish you well and safe,

Arlene Frank

Bill Frank

Alan Mizuta

Randy Stricker

Mark Wall

Andy Wood

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Property Owners are receiving communication in the most efficient and effective manner, we would greatly appreciate if you would provide us your email address to receive future communication. Our list is private and will NOT be shared with any other person or entity. Simply provide your email information to: decaturislandinfo@gmail.com or call me at 360-672-5185 - Mark Wall