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Email plain text copy to:
office@fernierchamber.com

FEATURE BUSINESS

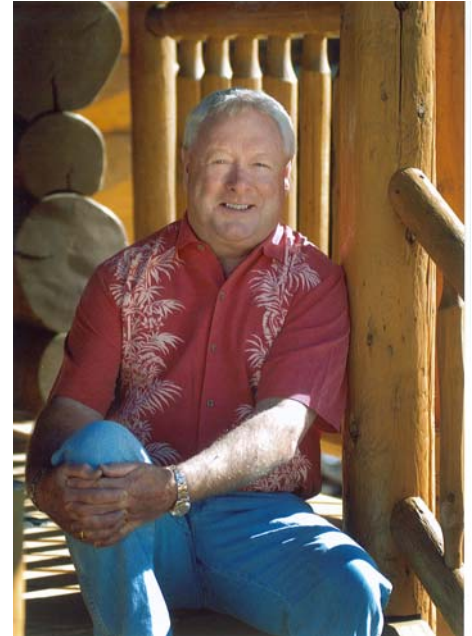
FERNIE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

I moved to Fernie about four years ago, and enjoy it here very much. When looking around for something to do, I noticed a large number of vacant homes, utilized only as vacation residences.

Recognizing an opportunity, I then decided to form a small company called Fernie Property Inspections.

The purpose of my business is merely to inspect and check on owner's homes when they are absent. I looked into insurance requirements, and discovered that most policies require that a vacant property must be looked at least once a week. The main concerns are heat and water.

I personally go into client's vacant homes with a check list of specific items, and issue the owner a monthly report. If I encounter a problem, I can either rectify it at the time, or I



Fernie Property Inspections owner, Allan Tuggle

can bring someone in who can take care of it.

I am still a small company, but hope to see my venture continue to grow.

Contact:
Allan Tuggle
Tel: 250-430-7494

CHAMBER MEMBERS: If you'd like to have your business highlighted as the Feature Business front page story, please contact Jean at the Fernie Chamber of Commerce at 250-423-6868 to make arrangements. Articles for submission should be about 200 words or less, plain text format. A good quality JPEG photo should accompany the article.

This is An excellent promotional opportunity for Chamber Members only. Just one of the many benefits of Chamber Membership!

FEATURE BENEFIT



BUSINESS SERVICES

**Introducing
3.5 ¢ a Minute
for Chamber
members**

BC Chamber of commerce and Fernie Chamber of Commerce are proud to partner with PRIMUS Canada to offer reduced rates for all your communications needs.

Enjoy 3.5¢ a minute for all your Canada and U.S. long distance & Toll Free calls with **NO MONTHLY FEES.**

Members Sign-up today!
Call 1-888-456-1293

**7th Annual
Fernie K OF C
Soapbox Derby
Saturday, September 26**



Open to Ages 9 - 14

Contact:
Butch Coultry
423-4444 or 423-4805
Email:
butch@remaxfernie.com

If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you. What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down.

~ Mary Pickford



**WHAT'S HAPPENING @
FERNIE ALPINE RESORT**
Please check our website for regular updates & trail reports
www.skifernie.com

**THANKS TO ALL OF
OUR GUESTS FOR A
GREAT SUMMER
SEASON!**

**OPEN LABOUR DAY
WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 5 - 7**
Join us for one final weekend of lift accessed hiking & biking!

Elk Chair: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Timber Chair: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**KELSEY'S RESTAURANT
NEW MENU ITEMS!!**

Enjoy great food on our beautiful outdoor patio - and check out our NEW menu items!
Kelsey's is open Thursday – Sunday & Labour Day Monday from 11:30 am – 9:00 pm.

**SPORTS ALPINE - END OF
SEASON BLOW OUT SALE**

The Blowout Sale of the Summer - don't miss it! **On until Sept. 7th.**
30-50% off selected summer apparel
60% off winter outerwear
Great deals on ex-ski rentals!

**WINTER 09/10 SEASON PASS
SALE ON NOW!**

Buy your pass early for great savings! Purchase your pass on-line at www.skifernie.com, call 1-800-258-7669, or purchase in person at the Mountain Pantry Grocery Store (open daily).



September Business Luncheon

Thursday, September 17

Noon

Park Place Lodge

Community Update with special guest speakers Mayor Cindy Corrigan and Mike Sosnowski, RDEK Area A Rep
Chamber Members: \$20. Future-members: \$25.
Reservations required. Visa & Master Card accepted.
Limited seating, reserve your space now!



Please call the Chamber office at 250-423-6868 to reserve your seat now.



BOOKS ANEW

Used Books

1501-8th Ave, Fernie, BC

250-423-4100

booksanew@shaw.ca

Where all our books are Well Read!

HUGE Author Sale

Crichton, Ludlum, Cussler, Grisham, Sanders, Plain, Binchy, Roberts, Steel, Bradford, Connelly, Clancy, Clark, Evans, Kellerman, Patterson, Johansen, Cornwell, Brown, Sheldon, Follett, Deaver, Archer, Hoag, Rice and more

All books purchased in elastic bundles are

\$2.00 for each book in the bundle!!

TRADES WELCOME!!

We are located in the Annex where 8th Ave North runs out of road, in the little house in the hollow. Right next to Kootenay Taxi Right behind Quality Car Wash Turn West off Hwy 3 at Boston Pizza - 2nd place on your right



Our Next Power Hour: Swine Flu and Vaccines

The Myths, the Legends and the Facts

Monday, September, 14, 2009

Learn more 6:30 p.m. No charge.

At Elk Valley Family Chiropractic, 831 7th Ave. Fernie

Call to register space is limited. 250-423-3003



Workshop sponsored by



Workshop hosted by

Chamber Business Women's Network



Workshop facilitated by



Financial Management Workshop

Thursday, October 1

7:30 a.m. to Noon

Park Place Lodge

Effectively Manage Cash and Finances

Chamber Members: \$30. Future-members: \$45.

Breakfast and workshop materials included

Reservations required. Visa & Master Card accepted.

Limited seating, reserve your space now!

Please call the Chamber office at 250-423-6868 to reserve your seat now.

Coming this Fall...

HST got you confused?

Watch for more information about the

HST Seminar

Thursday, October 15

Brought to you by the Fernie Chamber of Commerce and GPI Chartered Accountants



The Chamber News Bulletin is published by the Fernie Chamber of Commerce and distributed bi-weekly to Chamber Members, and to the general public through Community Link. Non-members and the general public can sign up for Community Link at: www.ferniecechamber.com

Chamber Members may submit business promotions and specials, and event information for publication. Deadline for submitting copy is the Wednesday at Noon prior to Thursday distribution.

Member's copy should be submitted in a *plain text format (no PDF's please)* and emailed to: office@ferniecechamber.com, by deadline to be included in Thursday distribution.

Please include "For Chamber Newsletter" in the subject line of the email, as we receive a large volume of email and wouldn't want your submission to be inadvertently missed.

The editor reserves the right to edit submission for clarity and length.

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2009

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Awards Criteria:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by the City of Fernie

Any individual who lives or volunteers in the Community; who continually gives back to their community; who helps make Fernie a great place to live, and has demonstrated leadership abilities. Nominee must have resided in Fernie for at least 2 years.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Sponsored by the City of Fernie

This award recognizes the contribution youth make to their community and is open to any youth 19 and under, who lives or volunteers in the City of Fernie and surrounding area and has contributed to their community through volunteer service, has demonstrated leadership abilities.

"Community Service" can relate to local, school, regional or provincial community activities.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by Community Futures East Kootenay

Any individual from business or industry who works in the City of Fernie and surrounding area who has demonstrated good business standards and ethics, holds a strong belief in Entrepreneurship, has shown innovation & leadership, and active community involvement.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR - Sponsorship opportunity available - call 250-432-6868 for info

This award is designed to celebrate the success of young Fernie and area entrepreneurs and to inspire others to even greater heights of achievement and is open to any Fernie and area entrepreneurs between the ages of 19 and 35, and must have been in business for at least two years.

OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE - Sponsorship opportunity available - call 250-432-6868 for info

This award recognizes and promotes customer service excellence among local business.

Open to any Business or Industry located in the City of Fernie and surrounding area that has demonstrated a strong dedication to customer satisfaction, customer service or development of an outstanding product, and consistently goes beyond standard customer service practices

FERNIE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by GPI Chartered Accountants

Open to any Business or Industry located in the City of Fernie and surrounding area that has demonstrated good corporate citizenship, good business standards and ethics, and contributes in a meaningful way to the community.

CHAMBER BUSINESS EXCELLENCE - Sponsored by the Fernie Chamber of Commerce

This award recognizes a Fernie Chamber Member business that excels in their sector and has demonstrated continuing business excellence through positive growth, superior customer service and a strong commitment to the Fernie Chamber of Commerce.

**Nominees for this award must be a Member in good standing, of the Fernie Chamber of Commerce.*

NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by GPI Chartered Accountants

This award recognizes a new business that has begun operation within the last 2 years, and has made a noticeable impression on the Fernie business community, has demonstrated a strong commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship. Nominee must have been in business for 2 years or less.

Excellence Awards Eligibility Rules

Business awards nominees must hold a valid City of Fernie Business license. Non-profit or charitable groups, private institutions and other non-profit businesses are considered on the same basis as for-profit businesses.

With the exception of the Chamber Business Excellence Award, all other business awards nominations are open to all Fernie businesses holding valid business licenses whether they are members of the Chamber or not.

The awards selection committee determines the award recipients based on the submitted applications for nominations, measured against eligibility and criteria. The top three finalists in each category will be announced prior to the October 22, 2009 Gala event. The winners in each category will be announced at the Awards Gala event on October 22, 2009.

The Nomination Process

The application for nomination must include the following:

- Completed nomination form
- Reasons for nomination, with references to the requirements of that category
- Nomination form must be signed by the nominator to be considered valid

****Nominations close @ Noon Friday, October 2, 2009***

The Top 3 Nominees in each category will be announced prior to the Awards Gala.

The winner in each category will be announced at the Awards Gala on Oct 22.

Nomination forms/boxes available at:

- Fernie Chamber of Commerce
- Fernie City Hall
- Fernie Museum & Info Centre
- Free Press Office
- Freshies
- Big Bang Bagels

Excellence Awards Gala Thursday, October 22, 2009



Park Place Lodge
6:00 p.m.

**Entertainment featuring Comedy
Writer and Comedian Trent McClellan**

Tickets: \$50. pp

Reservations required

**Please call the Fernie Chamber of
Commerce at 250-423-6868**

or email: members@fernichamber.com

Come out and celebrate your community!

And the winner is...

The winner of the Chamber Business Survey Draw is Dave Melenchuk of the Stanford Inn Resort. Dave has won a gift certificate for Dinner for 2 at the Sawai Thai Restaurant.

Thank you to all who responded to the Chamber Business Survey. Your input is valuable to us and helps greatly in determining the future direction of your Chamber of Commerce. A big Thank You to Rob and the Sawai Thai Restaurant.

Ninth Western Regional Surface and Underground Mine Rescue Competition

On September 11th and 12th, 2009 the City of Fernie will host the Ninth Western Regional Mine Rescue Competition being held at Max Turyk School.

This event will bring 18 teams from across Canada and the United States to participate in the Underground and Surface Competitions, bringing over **600** people to this area and further, will provide an excellent opportunity for us to showcase the Elk Valley. The competition is designed to recognize, showcase and celebrate the work and dedication of those involved in emergency response and mine rescue and to promote safety and awareness in the mining industry, and the area as well.

The seven person teams will compete in either underground or surface mine rescue tasks. The tasks are all timed, and will consist of simulated smoke, fire first aid, obstacle and recovery problem, as well as bench and written tasks.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (250) 423-2233 or email: cindy.corrigan@fernier.ca or contact Sue Lipkewich at (250) 423-4823 or email: volley11@telus.net.

CHAMBER NOTE TO MEMBER RESTAURANTS:

Approximately 600+ people are expected to come to Fernie for this event. Please be sure to plan ahead and have plenty of food on hand in preparation for this influx of visitors.