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Next edition of the
Fernie Chamber News Bulletin:
Thursday, October 1, 2009

Deadline for submissions:
Wednesday, Sept 30 at Noon

FEATURE BUSINESS

DANO'S SEPTIC SERVICES



Daniel Cutts, owner of Dano's Septic Services

Dano's Septic Services, also known to many as 278-SUCK, opened its doors for business in June 2009 and is gearing up for a busy fall emptying brimming septic tanks before the snow flies!

Owned by Fernie local Daniel Cutts and operated by Ken, the Suck Truck is available and ready to serve the Elk Valley and South Country. It is well equipped and powerful enough to tend residential and commercial sized septic tanks.

Dano's Septic Services also provides a range of new and colorful portable toilets for hire to cater those big parties, special events or construction zones. Because if you've got to go, you've got to go!

Many people give their septic tank little thought and forget just how important it is to maintain. It's a hard working natural microbiological factory busy decomposing all your unwanted waste products so it's worth preventing issues that can occur if left unattended too long! Having your tank emptied during winter can be more difficult and more costly so it's a good idea to think ahead.

For your septic service needs give Dano a call and support local business, the one that is #1 in the #2 business.

**Call: Dano's Septic Services
250 278 SUCK (7825) cell**

This banner ad space reserved for your business.

Call the Fernie Chamber of Commerce for more info
250-423-6868

FEATURE BENEFIT



Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan

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Covers all industries including one-person firms, home businesses and farms. Benefit options include life, health, dental and travel care insurance, vision care, short and long-term disability, business overhead benefits and many others.

Guaranteed renewable contract and fully pooled price stability.

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ON HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT
FROM THE CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE GROUP
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PLEASE CALL:**

HADDAD FINANCIAL SERVICES

828 Baker Street
Cranbrook, BC, V1C 1A2
Phone: 250-426-4221 ext 2208



Dr. Mike Rumpel invites everyone to visit him at his booth during the Fernie Wellness Fair October 17th, 10 – 4 Fernie Secondary High School in Traynor Hall.

See you there!

Curves

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP 2 for 1

Two members for the price
of one (\$99)

That's \$49.50 sign-up plus first month dues of \$44 payable on sign-up. Curves encourages two people to sign-up for the deal, but will accept one new sign-up at the same price.

Curves is also offering YOGA and PILATES on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm, with a special price for Curves Members!

Curves also welcomes future members for a drop in price of \$9

Ask us about the Curves Weight management Plan-it works! Available to future members as well!

1561 10th Ave

Phone: 250-423-3105

HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 6am-7pm

Friday 6am-6pm

7th Annual Fernie K OF C Soapbox Derby



Saturday, September 26

Open to Ages 9 - 14

Contact:

Butch Coultrey

423-4444 or 423-4805

Email:

butch@remaxfernier.com

Fred Rufange

423-6903



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.**



Workshop sponsored by



Workshop hosted by

Chamber Business Women's Network



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Happy Valley Scrapbooking



Classes:

Thurs Sept 17

Thank You Cards

Come and make three cards and learn something new. Materials: Paper trimmer with scoring blade, adhesive. Cost: \$10 members, \$13 non-members 7 pm.

Tue Sept 22

Fall Mini Album

A great gift or a great way to store those fall photos, also a great way to recycle. Materials: Paper trimmer, adhesive. Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members 7 pm.

Thurs Sept 24

Fall Scrapbook Page

This page will feature three dimensional scrapbooking. Come and learn a new way to make your pages pop. Materials: Paper trimmer with scoring blade, adhesive. Cost: \$12 members, \$15 non-members 7 pm.

Fri Sept 25

Calendar Club - 7 pm

Tues & Wed Sept 29 & 30

Stamp Club - 7 pm

Thurs Oct 1

Recipe Book

A great way to store those favourite recipes or a great gift idea. This book we will be using the zutter bind-it-all which is available for use in the store. Materials: Paper trimmer, adhesive. Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members 7 pm.

Fri & Sat Oct 2 & 3

Scrapbook Weekend

Come and spend the weekend getting some papercrafting done. Starts Friday at 6 - 10 come back at 10 - 8 Saturday, includes pizza on Saturday night. If you can only make one day, feel free to drop in. Cost - \$10

Call for more information:

250-423-5805

Happy Valley Scrapbooking

9839 Elk Street, Hosmer, BC

Tues, Wed & Sat 10-5

Thurs & Fri 12-9

Fernie Chamber of Commerce expresses general support for HST while addressing concerns for the impact on the Tourism sector

The Board of Directors of the Fernie Chamber of Commerce acknowledges that the HST will ultimately be a positive move for the economy and business in general in B.C. Nonetheless, it is important to address that the Tourism Industry in Fernie and throughout B.C. has some concerns regarding implementation of the HST as the legislation currently exists.

We remain optimistic that the Fernie Chamber of Commerce and the business community will receive some reassurance that our concerns will be considered and trust that our constructive contribution to the HST discussion will be heard.

Our members in the tourism industry have voiced their concern that the HST will add a substantial 7% to the cost of tourism products that were previously exempt, thus creating a financial deterrent and a possible threat to tourism.

We respectfully request dialogue with the provincial government and answers to the following questions:

1. Without the additional 2% hotel room tax, how will our DMO be funded?
2. Without the regular hotel room tax, how will our tourism partners, Kootenay Rockies Tourism and Tourism BC be funded?
3. In lieu of the 2% tax, currently levied, where will the Resort Municipality Tax Sharing Program funding come from?
4. Does the provincial government have a plan to mitigate the possible negative impact of the HST on the tourism industry and any other industry that may be adversely affected?

The Tourism Industry appears to be the sector most negatively affected by the HST legislation, and as a tourism destination and Resort Municipality we are eager to get some reassurance that our concerns are being heard and addressed.

As the voice of business in Fernie, the Fernie Chamber of Commerce is working to identify areas of greatest impact that need to be addressed and will work closely with our members and political leaders to address these issues.



HST SEMINAR

Thursday, October 15

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Park Place Lodge

HST and what you need to know.

Chamber Members: \$20. Future-members: \$25.

Breakfast and seminar 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.**



**HST Seminar presented in
partnership with:**

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7th FFC National Fly Fishing Championship & Conservation Symposium

Ferne will host the 7th FFC National Fly Fishing Championship & Conservation Symposium from Monday, September 21st, 2009 to Saturday, September 26th, 2009.

Volunteers Needed

to serve as controllers (judges that observe and record a competitor's results) for the championships. It's not a physically demanding role (wading is not required) with absolutely no angling experience being necessary, as Fly Fishing Canada will be on hand to provide the necessary training and to ensure that everyone is well educated of their duties and responsibilities. I'd greatly appreciate it if you could pass along this message to any groups or clubs that you feel might be willing to help us to ensure that we have enough volunteers.

Volunteers are free to arrive whenever they wish (some are coming earlier to fish the Elk and its tributaries), but are required to be available to attend the mandatory training course at the Best Western Hotel in Fernie from 12:00pm – 2:00pm on Wednesday, September 23rd. Members of Fly Fishing Canada will be on hand to provide the necessary training and to explain the duties of the controllers as well as the rules of the competition.

*Dates and times when the participation of volunteers is required:

Wednesday September 23:

12:00pm - 2:00pm: Mandatory training for volunteers, controllers and sector judges will be held at the Best Western Hotel .

5:00pm: Opening ceremonies and a 'meet & greet' barbeque for competitors, controllers and volunteers at the Best Western Hotel (attendance is optional).

Thursday September 24:

1st session of competition: 8:00am - 11:00am

2nd session of competition: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Friday September 25:

3rd session of competition: 8:00am - 11:00am

4th session of competition: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Saturday September 26:

5th session of competition: 8:00am - 11:00am (morning session only)

Conservation Symposium: 3:00pm to 5:00pm (attendance is optional)

Closing banquet & awards ceremony and FFC auction: 6:00pm (attendance is optional)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kevin McIsaac at 250-423-8769 or for more info go to the Fly Fishing Canada website at:

<http://www.flyfishingcanada.net/>

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Versapay

VersaPay Corporation is proud to offer BC Chamber members preferential payment processing rates for Visa®, MasterCard® and Interac®! There is no need to change bank accounts and your funds are deposited the next business day. 1.69% + 15 cents per VISA/MC transaction. 7 Cents Per Interac Transaction.

Esso Imperial Oil

The BC Chamber of Commerce and Imperial Oil are pleased to offer the Esso Direct DriverBilling Program to all members, including a preferred 3.0 cent per litre discount off of fuel purchased at any Esso-branded service station.

Husky/Mohawk

2 cent/litre discount on all fuel purchases at any Husky or Mohawk location (no minimum purchase). Single invoice for all Husky & Mohawk purchases.

Shell

Discount of 2 cents/litre off the posted pump price for your gasoline & diesel retail purchases with the Shell Commercial Card. Possibility for Airmiles Reward Miles.

Contact Fernie Chamber of Commerce

Membership Services

102 Hwy #3, Fernie BC

Phone: 250-423-6868

Email:

members@ferniechamber.com

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS Gala

Dinner and Awards Presentation
Thursday, October 22
Park Place Lodge

6:00 p.m.

\$50. pp

Reservations required.

For reservations or more information
please call the Fernie Chamber of
Commerce at 250-423-6868
Email: members@fernierchamber.com

Come out and celebrate your community!
Call to reserve your seat today!



Entertainment
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Fernie Business of the Year

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New Business of the Year

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Top 3 Nominees in each category
will be announced in early October.
Winners will be announced at the
Awards Gala on October 22

Nomination forms available at:
Chamber office, City Hall,
Museum, Free Press, Freshies,
Big Bang Bagels