



Community Services

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AGRICULTURE, STOCKMENS' ASSOCIATIONS & ANIMAL CLUBS

SOUTHERN INTERIOR CATTLEMANS' ASSOCIATION

Contact Person: Andy Rupp.....(250) 499-5730

Purpose: An association for breeders of Hereford Cattle, which promotes good breeding practices for Hereford cattle in the BC Interior.

KEREMEOS STOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Contact Persons: Mark Quaedvlieg, Pres.(250) 499-5559
Christie Quaedvlieg, Sec.(250) 499-7060

Purpose: A local Cattlemen's' association which is affiliated with the Southern Interior Cattlemen's' Association.

SOOPA: SIMILKAMEEN OKANAGAN ORGANIC PRODUCERS ASSOC.

Contact Person: Yuri Zebroff, Pres.....(250) 499-7040

Purpose: The promotion of organic growing practices.

SIMILKAMEEN RIDERS

(Division of South Okanagan Horse Association)

Contact: Cindy Reynolds.....(250) 499-0206

CHILDCARE SERVICES

KEREMEOS PARENT CO OP PLAYSCHOOL

Contact Person: Karen Bennett.....(250) 499-5051
Location: Fairview Irrigation Building
Barcelo Road, Cawston

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for integration of children into a group setting and to help children develop preschool skills such as co-operative play, listening and communication skills.

Services: There is space for 20 children in the playschool, 10 in the morning and another 10 in the afternoon. School days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The year is from October 1st to May 31.

TEE PEE TOTS DAY CARE CENTRE

Contact Person: Tanya Terbasket, Supervisor.....(250) 499-2838
Fax.....(250) 499-5050

Location: Fairview Road, Cawston
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Closed statutory holidays and the months of July and August.
Capacity: 25

This is a licensed non-profit Day Care providing care to children ages newborn to 5 years.

SEVEN DWARFS DAY CARE

Contact Person: Lois Cardinal.....(250) 499-5652

Fully licensed Day Care.

CHILDRENS' ORGANIZATIONS

FIRST SOUTH SIMILKAMEEN CUBS & SCOUTS

Contact Person: Larrie Dainard (250) 499-0195

Purpose: To help young boys become responsible citizens.

KEREMEOS BROWNIES, GIRL GUIDES & PATHFINDERS

Contact Person: Ione Teasdale (250) 499-8010
Tammy Sparkes.....(250) 499-2537

The Girl Guides of Canada is a non-political organization, which co-operates with other national and religious organizations, who wish to include Guiding as a part of their program for girls.

4 – H CLUB BEEF CLUB (HEALTH, HEART, HEAD, HANDS)

Contact Person: Debbie Oviett (250) 492-7905

Purpose: A program for rural children between the ages of 9 and 18 years, which provides experience in all aspects of beef raising.

CHURCHES

CATHOLIC CHURCH - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Corner of 5th & 6th Avenue
Keremeos

Mass is held at 9:00 a.m. in Keremeos on the 1st Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m. in Chopaka.

Reverend Gordon Walker

Contact Person: Joe Reichert.....(250) 499-5175

KEREMEOS ECUMENICAL CHURCH

(United & Anglican Churches)
Corner of 5th Avenue & 6th Street
Keremeos

Services are held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Keremeos. In Cawston, Sept. – June 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.. In Hedley, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Hildred Finch.....(250) 499-5717

JEHOVAH WITNESS

429 – 9th Avenue
Keremeos

Services are held on: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.; Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Overseer: Harry Malakoff(250) 499-2424

MENNONITE: SIMILKAMEEN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Highway 3A, across from "Bears" Fruitstand
Keremeos(250) 499-2511

Services: Worship services are held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: October – May at 9:45 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Pastor Don Bodden(250) 499-2040

PENTECOSTAL (PAOC): ELIM TABERNACLE

312 – 9TH Street (Behind the Recreation Centre)
Keremeos

Contact Person: Wilf Miller (250) 499-2566
Kaiser..... (250) 499-5847

SERVICES: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Morning Service and Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Thursday 6:30 p.m. Music Practice

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newton Road, Cawston

Worship Service is held on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sabbath School is on Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Pastor in attendance 4th Saturday of the month.
Pastor – (250) 493-2268

Prayer Meetings: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Wilf Hagen (250) 499-7720

CHURCH GROUPS

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (A.C.W.)

Women’s Auxiliary to the Ecumenical Church

Contact Persons: Joan Armstrong (250) 499-0132
Shirley Clarke, Sec. (250) 499-5644

Purpose: To raise funds and to act as an auxiliary service to the church.
Charitable local work.

MEETINGS: The 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 1:30 p.m. September – June.

CATHOLIC WOMENS’ LEAGUE

Contact Persons: Barbara Quaedvlieg (250) 499-7033

Purpose: To raise funds and other activities in support of the church. Provide a bursary for a Catholic student for post secondary education.
Mission Work – fund raise in support of Sister Mary Bernadette Reichert who is an educational missionary in Guatemala.
Charitable local work.

CATHOLIC MEN: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact Person: Robert Eichberger.....(250) 499-5412

Keremeos and District residents would attend the K. of C. meetings in Penticton.

ECUMENICAL: KATIE CLARKE CIRCLE

Contact Person: Barbara Holt.....(250) 499-2334

MEETING: First Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall - 2:00 p.m. (Sept. – June)

PENTECOSTAL: WOMENS' MINISTRIES

Contact Person: Barbara Whitehead – Secretary/Treasurer.....(250) 499-2356

MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. (Sept. – June)

Purpose: Raise funds for local charitable work. Support to Missionary in third world country.
Put on a banquet for the graduating students of Similkameen High School.

UNITED: HARMONY CIRCLE (Ecumenical Church)

Contact Person: Christine Seibeck.....

MEETINGS: The second Monday of the month @ 1:30 p.m. (Sept. – June)

Purpose: Church womens' fellowship and fund raising group.

GOVERNMENT – MUNICIPAL & REGIONAL

VILLAGE OF KEREMEOS

702 – 4th Street (P.O. Box 160)
Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Telephone..... (250) 499-2711
Fax..... (250) 499-5477
E-mail.....town@keremeos.ca
Web-site..... www.keremeos.ca
Mayor: Walter Despot
Chief Administrative Officer: Bob LaFleur
Public Works Foreman: Bob Stanley

HOURS: Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Village of Keremeos: Mayor Walter Despot
Area G: Joe Nitsch (250) 499-2692
Area B: George Hanson..... (250) 499-2144

SCHOOL DISTRICT #53 (OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN)

35061 – 101st Street
Oliver, BC V0H 1T0

Telephone:..... (250) 498-3481
Toll Free:..... 1-888-498-8476
Fax:..... (250) 498-4070

Board Representatives:

Debbie Marten (250) 499-7791
Myrna Coates (250) 499-5584

MEETING: Regular meetings Wednesday evenings. Call the School District Office in Oliver for dates.

CAWSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Contact Person: Chris Phillpots..... (250) 499-2441
Fax:..... (250) 499-2588

HEDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Contact Person Chris Phillpots..... (250) 292-8252
Fax:..... (250) 292-8412

SIMILKAMEEN ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOL

Contact Person: Cal Day (250) 499-2727

OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN LEARNING CENTRE

517 – 7th Avenue
P.O Box 100
Keremeos, BC
V0X 1N0

Contact Person: Bev Hansen (250) 499-0040
Fax:..... (250) 499-0018

LOWER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND

517 – 7th Avenue
P.O. Box 100
Keremeos, BC
V0X 1N0

Telephone:..... (250) 499-5528
Fax:..... (250) 499-5538

Contact Persons: Ron Mitchell Band Manager
Jackie Lambert Social Worker
Jackie McPherson Community Health Representative

BAND COUNCIL: Barb Allison – Chief
 Teresa Dennis
 Lauren Terbasket
 Richard Terbasket

UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND OFFICE

Box 310
610- 7th Avenue
Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Telephone..... (250) 499-2221
Field Office, Fairview Road, Cawston (250) 499-5117
This provides offices for field staff, council meetings, accounting, social and health services.

Band Manager: Phillippe Batini (250) 499-2221

Purpose: To provide services to the Native people on reservations in S.D. 16.
Services: The Band acts as liaison for health and education programs, assists with economic development programs, forestry program and provides a housing program which includes construction and renovations.

BAND COUNCIL: Richard Holmes: Chief
 Miranda Squakin Chrlene Allison

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

SOUTH SIMILKAMEEN HEALTH CENTRE

Interior Health Authority
700 – 3rd Street
Keremeos V0X 1N0

Telephone:..... (250) 499-3000
Fax:..... (250) 499-3001

Contact Persons: Marilyn Harkness Administrator
Debbie Marten D & T Reception
Gloria Sheets D & T Reception

MAKE ALL APPOINTMENTS THROUGH THE CLINIC OFFICE

SERVICES: Dr. Michael Jeanes General Practitioner
Dr. Gerald Partridge General Practitioner
Dr. J. Boshoff General Practitioner
Ann Nelson Lab Technician
S. Bridgeman Registered Nurse
C. Hogeweide Registered Nurse
H. Henry Physiotherapist

Emergency Room Service Doctor on call.

Laboratory Service (9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday-Friday) ... 499-3004
(Patients can walk in during these hours with a doctor's requisition. No
appointment necessary)

X-Ray Service 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday... 499-3017
(A x-ray technician comes from Penticton Hospital).

Physicians 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday In office.
There is a doctor on call 24 hours/day – 7 days/week.

Physiotherapy 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Usually Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.
(physiotherapist comes from Penticton Hospital).

Red Cross Loan Cupboard - Cory VanHeck (in private home) (250) 499-2562

Meals on Wheels Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.. (250) 499-3028
Fax:..... (250) 499-3026

Public Health Nurse- Linda Pardington, Monday – Friday (250)499-3019

Home Care Nursing & Long-Term Care Assessment
(250) 499-3033

or (250) 499-3048
Diabetic Outreach (250) 499-3029

SOUTH SIMILKAMEEN CHILDCARE SUPPORTS SERVICES (OSOYOOS)

Contact Person: Marisa Munday (250) 495-2554 / 1-800-775-6560

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Wendy Stewart, Community Health Clerk (250) 499-3029
Fax:..... (250) 499-3027
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

SERVICES: Mental Health Counsellor
John Butcher..... (250) 499-3029
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday & Friday – Keremeos

Geriatric Psychiatrist, Dr. Cooper (250) 499-3029
1st Tuesday of the month
Penticton Office (250) 493-1759

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTH SIMILKAMEEN HEALTH CENTRE:

Family Health:

Health counselling for parents and families. Perinatal service which includes Prenatal health counselling, post partum follow-up which includes home visits by the nurse. If parents have questions about infant care, behaviour, development, nutrition, immunization and infant health, the public health nurse is available by telephone or home visit to advise the parent/caregiver.

Child Health Services:

Provides health promotion and disease prevention services for children aged 6 weeks adult. Services include counselling about child development, nutrition, communicable disease, vision screening, hearing and speech problems and immunization against diseases of early childhood.

Adult Health Services

Adult immunization. Lifestyle counselling which involves counselling individuals and speaking to groups about nutrition, exercise and activity.

Home Care:

Offers home visits by a registered nurse to provide nursing care in the home when required. Also involves co-ordination with other community support services.

Long Term Care: (Continuing Care Division of the Ministry of Health)

Offers assessment of need for care and arranges for appropriate support either in home or Long Term Care.

Community services are provided through Keremeos & District Home Support and Long-Term Care works very closely with KDHS.

Public Health / Long Term Nursing/Home Care Nursing

Community Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy

Public Health Inspection

Many other services are available through the Health Unit such as environmental health service and health education programs.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

District Office: 36023 – 9th Street (Main Street), Oliver, BC... (250) 498-3461

Toll Free Number:..... 1-800-565-8228

Contact Person: John McKay

MAKE ALL APPOINTMENTS THROUGH THE TOLL FREE 800 NUMBER.

LOWER SMILKAMEEN COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY

700 – 3RD Street

Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Telephone:..... (250) 499-2352

Fax:..... (250) 499-2333

E-mail:..... lcss@nethop.net

Contact Persons: Eileen Oliver-Bauer, Administrator
Susan Kellar, Co-ordinator of Volunteers

Purpose: To provide an umbrella organization in S.D. #53 which is actively involved in promoting and developing health related needs of all age groups.

- PROGRAMS:
1. Family Support Program
 2. Volunteer Services
 - Volunteer Drivers
 - Telephone Reassurance
 3. Community Action Program for Children (C.A.P.C.)
 4. Gustavson House
 5. Stopping the Violence Against Women
 6. Child & Youth Mental Health Clinician
 7. Family Literacy
 8. Assisted Living Housing
 9. Family Law Information

KEREMEOS & DISTRICT HOME SUPPORT

@ South Similkameen Health Centre
700 – 3rd Street
Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Contact Persons: Joanne Eaton
Therese Halvorsen
Telephone:.....(250) 499-3028
Fax:.....(250) 499-3026

SERVICES: Community Care
Meals on Wheels

ELDERLY OUTREACH PROGRAM

84 Duncan Avenue West
Penticton, BC V2A 2Y2.....
Telephone:.....(250) 493-9311

Contact Person:

SERVICES: Psychiatric assessment
Consultation and follow-up
Education
Caregiver Support

Purpose: This is a specialized, community based program to provide assessment, counselling, Education and caregiver support to those over age 65 suffering from an emotional difficulty; depression, grief, loss, dementia, etc. Because it is community based it allows a qualified social worker to visit persons in their own homes to provide help and support as long as it is needed. The program staff work closely with Home Support services and Long Term Care to provide additional home support to person who may otherwise need unnecessary hospitalization or premature placement in a care facility. This service is available to all persons living in the South Okanagan – Similkameen region, who are over the age of 65. The program is funded through the BC Mental Health Society.

Referrals: Self, Physician, Caregivers, Community Health Nurse, Home Support Supervisor, etc.

Fee: No fee. This service is sponsored through the Ministry of Health and is under contract to provide this service.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF BC

Contact Person: Joanne Eaton(250) 499-3028

BC SMILE (BC SENIORS MEDICATION INFO LINE)..... 1-800-668-6233

PROBATION AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES

#301 – 246 Martin Street
Penticton, BC
V2A 5K3

.....(250) 492-1250

Contact Person: Probation Officer – visits Keremeos weekly.
Family Court: provides service to persons who are separating from a relationship and require advice and legal settlement in matters pertaining to child custody and maintenance.

Referral: Through Family Court.

PENTICTON FAMILY JUSTICE CENTRE

1-888-227-7734

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

Contact Person: Lucille Hydman(250) 493-6564

AA – ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Contact Persons: Ed:(250) 499-8807
Diane:(250) 499-0077

Meetings: Thursday 8:00 p.m.
South Similkameen Health Centre

Purpose: To provide a support group for family and friends of alcoholics.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Monday 8:00 p.m.
South Similkameen Health Centre

SIMILKAMEEN COPS (Citizens on Patrol)

Contact: Bud(250) 499-7880

Meets: 2nd Monday of the month at South Similkameen Health Centre

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Contact: Library.....(250) 499-2313

Meets: 4 times per year at the library – as required – call for dates and times

Purpose: Raise funds for local library. 2 ‘Used Book Sales’ per year.
2 Hot Dog Sales per year

T.O.P.S. (TAKE OF POUNDS SENSIBLY) #4179

Contact Person: Joan Thompson(250) 499-5434

Meetings: Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

Location: South Similkameen Health Centre
700 – 3rd Street

Purpose: To give encouragement and support to those people who are trying to lose weight.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Contact: Patricia Schwetje 499-5236

Meetings: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Location: South Similkameen Health Centre
700 – 3rd Street

MUSIC & ART GROUPS

KEREMEOS HANDBELL CHOIR

Contact Person: Irene Nameth (250) 499-2516

MEETINGS: Every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.
Cawston United Church Community Room

This group is open to any adults who wish to learn the skill of bell ringing and participate in a bell choir.

KEREMEOS/CAWSTON LINE DANCERS

Contact Person: Irene Nameth (250) 499-2516

Meetings: Tuesdays – 7:00 p.m.
Cawston United Church Community Room

SENIOR SIMILKAMEEN SINGERS

Contact Person: Barbara Holt (250) 499-2334

Meetings: Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00 OAP Hall

SLOPPY PALLETS

Contacts: Ruth Schaefer (250) 499-5680
Sandra Liddicoat (250) 499-2380

Meetings: Wednesday evenings 6 :00 – 9:00 p.m.
Anglican Church – corner of 6th Avenue & 5th Street

MUSIC UNDER THE K

Contact Person: Terry Zeller (250) 499-2486

SERVICE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES, LODGES AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS

CAWSTON COMMUNITY SOCIETY

Contact Person: Robert Mennell, Chairman.....(250) 499-5398

Hall Enquiries: Cory Van Heck.....(250) 499-2562

Cemetery Space Enquiries:

This society is responsible for:
Upkeep, management and rental of the Cawston Hall
Upkeep and management of the Cawston Cemetery
Overall care of Kobau Park

SIMILKAMEEN COUNTRY EMPLOYMENT ACCESS/TOURIST INFO.

P.O. Box 452
Keremeos, BC
V0X 1N0

Contact Persons: Ken Randle or Lisa Fraser.....(250) 499-5300

Fax:.....(250) 499-5354

Tourist Information Booth (250) 499-5300

415 – Hwy 3 (7th Avenue), Keremeos

MEETINGS: Every 2nd Thursday @ 7 a.m. (Breakfast meeting)
General Meeting – 1st Monday of month @ 7:30 p.m.

Location: See local Keremeos Review for locations, times, dates.

Services: Sponsors Tourist Information Centre as well as information about the Similkameen.

SIMILKAMEEN GARDEN CLUB

Contact: Bonnie Burns, President.....(250) 499-5376

Edie Johnson.....(250) 499-5271

Meet: 2nd Wednesday of each month at the OAP Hall.

Purpose: A non-profit group dedicated to beautifying the Village of Keremeos.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS' (OF CANADA)

B.P.O. Elks Lodge #56 (Keremeos)

Contact Persons: Norm Nicholson(250) 499-5290
Joe Reichert, Secretary(250) 499-5175

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month @ 8:00 p.m. except for summer recess in July and August.

Location: Elks Hall, corner of 8th Street and 5th Avenue, Keremeos

Purpose : Benevolent and Fraternal organization to help those who cannot help themselves, with focus on children and the elderly.

Services: Purple Cross Fund to help special needs children
Deaf Detection and Development Program: early detection of hearing loss – worldwide identification program.
Assist with communication disorders
Drug Awareness Program – new program started 1991 – 92
Sponsors the Keremeos Rodeo as a method of fund raising

THE ORDER OF THE ROYAL PURPLE (auxiliary to the Elks)

Contact Persons: Eva Austen, Honoured Royal Lady.....(250) 499-2772
Joan Popovich, Secretary

MEETING: 2ND & 4TH Thursday of every month – Dinner Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Legion Hall

BINGO: Every 2nd Friday and 7:00 p.m. in Legion Hall

KEREMEOS LIONS CLUB

PO Box 228

Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Contact Person: Marcelle Lyttle, President(250) 499-2996
Julia Bilodeau, Secretary(250) 499-5154

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month, dinner meeting 7:00 p.m.

Location: Reef Restaurant

Bingo: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m., Legion Hall

The Keremeos Lions club is a charitable organization – 90% of funds raised are dedicated to children with special needs. They sponsor the local Christmas Hamper Fund. The hamper fund exists year round to provide assistance to people with special financial need.

MASONIC LODGE Hedley Lodge #43 A.F.A.M.

(This is the name of the Keremeos Lodge)

Contact Persons: Fred Davidsen(250) 499-5522
Connor Clarke.....(250) 495-5203

MEETINGS: 2nd Thursday of every month @ 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Masonic Lodge, 9th Avenue, Keremeos, BC

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR – Similkameen Chapter OES

Contact Persons: Muriel Cooper(250) 499-2213
Ina Vikner, Sec. Box 88(250) 499-2702

MEETINGS: 4th Tuesday of every month @ 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 9th Avenue, Keremeos, BC

SOUTH SIMILKAMEEN MUSEUM SOCIETY

Contact Persons: Mrs. Doreen Smith, President.....(250) 499-5746

PURPOSE: To preserve artifacts involved in the history of the Similkameen Valley.

OAPO BRANCH #65 (Old Age Pensioners)

421 – 7th Avenue (P.O. Box 401)
Keremeos, BC
V0X 1N0

Telephone Senior’s Centre(250) 499-2977

Contact Person: .. Alex Fomenko, President (250) 499-5268

MEETINGS: General Meeting is 1st Wednesday of every month @ 2:00 p.m.
PotLuck Social is last Friday of the month @ 5:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: To provide recreation and services to seniors.

SERVICES: Operate and maintain the Senior Centre (Main Street)
HOURS: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday
The activities at the Senior Centre include:
Crafts, Exercise classes, Pool/snooker/billiards
Pot Luck Socials – once/month
Speakers – once/month
Senior Counsellor
Cards – twice/week

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH (#192) Keremeos

510 – Veterans Avenue (next to Elks Hall)
Keremeos, BC V0X 1N0

Contact Person: Gloria Shiels, President(250) 499-5555
Mike Fauel, Secretary(250) 499-8033

MEETINGS: General –3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.
Executive-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Legion Hall – 510 Veterans Avenue, Keremeos

PURPOSE: To assist War Veterans and their families. To provide financial assistance and support to community service groups. The legion is a major sponsor of Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guides.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

These are open to community members:
Special Activities – every Sat. –3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Meat Draw)

KEREMEOS SEARCH AND RESCUE

P.O. Box 391
Keremeos, BC
V0X 1N0

Contact Person: Bob Stanley(250) 499-2801

MEETINGS: Every 2nd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
There are outdoor exercises on specified Sundays, overnight camps, and training sessions.

LOCATION: Keremeos Fire Hall – 513 – 7th Street

PURPOSE: To help in any emergency situation such as flooding, traffic control, rescues, lost people, fires, etc.

MOTTO: “HELP US HELP YOU”

This program is government funded. Funds are also raised locally by volunteers. The program falls under the Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.) Volunteers, both men and women are needed for many different jobs, i.e. base camp, search, communications, transportation, etc.

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY AID

Contact Person: Eugene Deschamps(250) 499-2363

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Contact Person: Shar Miller..... (250)

KEREMEOS/CAWSTON/OLALLA TELEVISION SOCIETY

Contact Persons: Jim Haker.....(250) 499-5608

MEETINGS: Annual General Meeting
Directors/Board meets once a month

PURPOSE: To provide television programming to the area at a reasonable cost.

FUNDING: Based on voluntary annual payment.

KEREMEOS AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Contact Person: Jordy Bosscha, Chief.....(250) 499-2200
Alternate #(250) 499-2821
Fax:.....(250) 499-2219

SERVICES: Fire Inspection and services of Fire Marshall.
Investigation of complaints regarding fire safety concerns within the community.
Fire prevention and protection.

PURPOSE: To provide a volunteer fire brigade to fight local fires and to provide other fire prevention services.

SIMILKAMEEN NATURALISTS CLUB

Contact Person: Lee McFadyen.....(250) 499-5404

MEETINGS: Second Thursday of the month.

SIMILKAMEEN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Contact Person: Pat Quaedvlieg.....(250) 499-5559

PURPOSE: An association for people holding water rights on the Similkameen River.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

SIMILKAMEEN RECREATION CENTRE

311 – 9th Street
Keremeos, BC

Contact: Karl Donoghue, Manager.....(250) 499-2400

SOUTH SIMILKAMEEN RECREATION SOCIETY

Contact Person: Adrian Todd, President.....(250) 499-2305
Robert Mennell, Secretary.....(250) 499-5398

MEETINGS: Annual General Meeting

PURPOSE: Non-profit Society set-up to oversee recreation in S.D. #53. Its' function has almost been replaced by the Steering Committee for the Recreation Centre. The Steering Committee consists of the Regional District of Okanagan/Similkameen Representative for S.D. #53 and Adrian Todd, Chairperson.....(250) 499-2305

KEREMEOS /CAWSTON SPORTSMENS ASSOCIATION

Box 42
Keremeos, BC
V0X 1N0

Contact Persons: Ken Sward.....(250) 499-5984
Doug Boulton.....(250) 499-2229

MEETING: Last Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Club House on Upper Bench Road

SERVICES: Range Facilities
Trap shooting
Hand gun shooting
Archery

PURPOSE: Promote conservation of wildlife by sportsmen in the Lower Similkameen Valley area as well as promoting safety of Handling firearms.