## *Enjoy a Safe Summer!* Fire Prevention and Education

We're all anticipating a wonderful summer together on Bustins and we'd like to urge you to give fire prevention a high priority. Here are some initial suggestions as you open your cottage this season.

- Have you got enough smoke/carbon monoxide alarms in your cottage? Bring fresh batteries for the alarms then, install them!
- Know where your **fire extinguishers** are located. Be certain they are in good working order. The dial should be on green. It's wise to turn fire extinguishers over and back a few times after standing all winter.
- Attach **outside hoses** when you arrive. For those with pressurized water systems, outside hoses can be a first line of defense.
- As Ron Sweatt has reminded us over and over **refrigerator exhaust** systems should be cleaned regularly. How long has it been since you had this done?
- Confirm that your list of emergency numbers is correct, readable and quickly accessible. Program these numbers into your cell phone. Know your cottage number for quick emergency identification.
  Fire/Medical: 865-4211 Police: 846-4212
- Oh yes, among the early tasks in opening up, remember (if you use one) to take off your **chimney cap**! Have you followed through on having your chimney cleaned and, if recommended, lined?

**Controlled fire (inside our cottages) is a friend** It makes cottage-life on Bustins civilized stove, refrigerator, water heater, fireplace

Uncontrolled fire is our enemy Put fire prevention at the top of your list. Let's have a fun and safe summer!

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