



Fruitvale & Area A News

Keeping the Community Informed

April 2021

**COVID-19 HAS NOT
DISAPPEARED!**

*Please continue to practise
safe distancing, wash and
sanitize hands, wear a face
covering, stay home when
you're sick or feeling
unwell, and stay within
your bubble.*

BE KIND, BE CALM, BE SAFE

COMMUNITY NEWS

Virtual Town Hall - Beaver Siding Train Station / Museum Project

The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee invites residents of the Beaver Valley to a virtual town hall **Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. on Zoom**. Learn about and provide feedback on a proposed project to construct an historical attraction in the Village of Fruitvale.

The proposed project includes construction of a train station to house important local artifacts and relocation of the Park Siding School House on a site near the existing rail line in the Village. The project team will present information about project objectives and timelines, the site, station design and the historic Park Siding School House.

Please register & ask questions in advance at jointheconversation.rdkb.com/bvtrainstation

More Information: Mark Daines, Manager of Facilities & Recreation
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Beaver Valley
Recreation

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Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve

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REPORTING NEWS: GOOD & BAD

If we are going to report the good news, we must also report the bad. After seeing a post on Facebook regarding a deliberate act of vandalism at Fruitvale Elementary School, Mayor Morissette and I had to go see the damages for ourselves. Sure enough, there was garbage and shards of glass everywhere! Small tiny fragments of glass from lightbulbs deliberately smashed on and around the lower playground which is now embedded in the ground.

It is Spring Break, and as we write this letter, sadly, this playground will now be closed to the public until every sliver of glass can be vacuumed up and the playground deemed safe again. PARENTS: please talk to your kids. Are you missing any light bulbs?

This senseless act has been reported to the RCMP to investigate. We truly hope that you can help us find out who is responsible for this senseless act of vandalism. Call the RCMP, Steve or I if you have any information; we can help the RCMP do their job, and together, we can keep our community safe for everyone.

Steve and Ali



Area A - April Update

Director Ali Grieve, Electoral Area A

Seniors' Housing in Beaver Valley

Widowed, my Mom took a suite at Mountain Side Village. What a facility it is! Seniors can enjoy beautiful suites, dining rooms, visiting areas and a wonderful garden that surrounds the site. From Mountain Side it's a short walk to town, or there is a shuttle service available too. Mom loved living there, but with the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, she chose to move to the Beaver Valley Manor.

Enter Beaver Valley Manor: bachelor suite open.

Beaver Valley Manor is a two story apartment complex located in the centre of Fruitvale. It is within walking distance to the BV Clinic, grocery store, credit union, shops and all amenities. There are 39 units at the Manor, each with a kitchenette. A caretaker is on site to provide maintenance and security. The Manor is also home base for Fruitvale Senior Citizens Branch #44. Normally their members enjoy carpet bowling, cards, bingo, and other activities hosted in a large recreation room.

The Manor is operated by the non-profit Beaver Valley Manor Society, a group of dedicated volunteers who ensure the residents enjoy comfort and a good quality of life. Mom absolutely loves her apartment and walks the Village daily for errands and enjoyment.

Both seniors' residences provide top-notch housing. Seniors are able to live independently, with the support they need. Thank you to all current and past BV Manor Board members; you have done a wonderful job maintaining housing in the valley.



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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held on Zoom

Utilities Committee

Wednesday, April 14
11:00 am

Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 14
1:00 pm

Electoral Area Services

Thursday, April 15
10:30 am

BV Recreation Committee

Tuesday, April 20
8:30 am

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, April 20
10:30 am

Board of Directors

Thursday, April 29
1:00 pm

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting

April 12 @ 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole

April 26 @ 4:00 pm

Village Council and Committee of the Whole
Meetings are held via Zoom at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/3353726693](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693)

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Village of Fruitvale Office, Public Works and the RDKB Office will be closed for the Easter statutory holidays on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5, 2021. For emergency matters needing immediate attention please call 250-367-6162.

Have a Safe and Happy Easter



ENERGY-SAVING SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Get free energy-saving advice for your business. FortisBC is partnering with GreenStep Solutions to help BC businesses save energy and operating costs, plus reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Via phone, videoconference or in-person visits, your business can get a free energy evaluation and information about FortisBC rebates on high-efficiency equipment, low-cost and no-cost tips and technical advice on topics such as turning down building systems.

Learn more and request your free consultation at fortisbc.com/smallbusiness.



Mayor Steve Morissette

Happy Spring! Council has been active this winter. We recently adopted a new Animal Responsibility Bylaw which is quite an extensive bylaw that responds to residents' requests around self-sufficiency. Residents are now allowed to care for 4 chickens through a licensing and regulatory system that ensures shelter, care, and cleanliness, as well residents are now allowed to keep bees through a regulatory system to ensure the bees and residents' health & safety. This bylaw can be found on the Village's website, www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca under Bylaws & Policies.

We recently passed a resolution to become a living wage employer. This ensures all employees and regular contractors to the Village are paid the region's living wage which is currently \$18.83/hr. We have sent our application in to certify the Village of Fruitvale as a living wage employer. This will have no financial impact on the Village as we live within a union contract which pays more than this wage; it is a stand that we support other municipalities and businesses that are able to do the same.

At our last meeting we passed a resolution that the Village aims to transition to 100% renewable energy in all energy use sectors in the community including heating, cooling, transportation, electricity, and waste management no later than 2050. Staff and council will collaborate with experts, residents and the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan to develop a transition plan by June 1st, 2022 for the Village's transition. We have joined 9 other West Kootenay municipalities in making the commitment which will benefit the environment and taxpayers by transitioning Village operations away from heavily taxed energy sources. This commitment will also lead the way for residents and businesses that wish to transition to 100% renewable energy use in their homes and transportation.

Our #1 priority continues to be the middle school land development. We are currently in a waiting period. We have an application in for funding to support our proposed daycare centre, and through the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society we have an application in for a proposed 28-unit affordable housing complex in the first phase of development in front of the old middle school building. We are also moving ahead on the subdivision of four lots along Columbia Gardens Road for duplex construction.

Currently, we have a lot of projects and initiatives in the Village that we are thankful for the support of our awesome staff which without we would not be able to accomplish a fraction of what we are undertaking.

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**VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE
GARBAGE & RECYCLING DATES**

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LEGEND

- South Side Garbage
- North Side Garbage
- South Side Recycling
- North Side Recycling
- Spring Clean-up

Please keep household garbage and recycling in a secure location until the morning of garbage day and recycling day.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Mark your calendars for Spring Clean-up on **Friday, April 16 and Monday, April 19. ONLY ORGANIC MATERIALS WILL BE COLLECTED.** Tree cuttings must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and must be piled at your usual garbage collection location. All other **ORGANIC** material must be bagged in **CLEAR BAGS (do not use your Village of Fruitvale garbage bags)** and placed at your usual garbage collection area early; collections will begin at 7:30am. **PLEASE NOTE: RECYCLABLE AND HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS, ROCKS, AND CARDBOARD WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

FRUITVALE CREEK RESIDENTS

Residents living along Fruitvale Creek are reminded to keep all grass clippings, tree clippings and other debris out of Fruitvale Creek as these items plug the grizzlies (grates) and cause the creek to flood.

TEMPORARY VEHICLE SHELTERS

Residents with temporary vehicle shelters in their front yard are reminded that these portable garages must be removed by **Thursday, April 15** as per Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 863.

CATCH BASINS, STORM SEWERS & STREET SWEEPING

During the month of April, the Public Works Department will be busy cleaning catch basins and storm sewers throughout the Village and the street sweeper will be cleaning the streets. Please be patient during the street cleaning process – all streets will be done.

Property owners are reminded when raking winter sand from the boulevards **do not** rake it into piles on the street. This causes damage to the sweeper brooms.

Please be aware of the men and equipment on the roads and exercise caution at all times. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 922

Village of Fruitvale Council recently passed a new bylaw dealing with the keeping of various animals within the Village of Fruitvale, such as dogs, cats, rabbits, companion animals, urban chickens, bees and wildlife. The new bylaw can be found on the Village's website at <https://fruitvale.icompasscms.com/content/municipal-services-bylaws-policies-development-forms-and-maps> under the heading Fees and Services. We encourage all animal owners to become familiar with this bylaw.

- Don't forget to purchase your dog's annual **license**. Call the office to make arrangements for purchasing tags.
- Ensure your dogs are **not running at large** as this is a bylaw contravention and the dog is subject to being picked up by the SPCA and fines being levied to the dog owner.
- **Pick up after your dog**. With the snow melting, large amounts of dog feces, bagged and unbagged, have been left on boulevards. Ensure that you clean up after your dog when out walking and dispose of the "poop bags" properly. Keeping feces off sidewalks and boulevards not only keeps the community clean, it makes for a healthy environment for everyone's dogs.

Please, for the safety, peace and comfort of your neighbours, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard and do not let them bark continually at all hours day and night.

*****Area A residents must obtain dog licenses/tags from the RDKB office. Please call 250-368-9148 for more information.**

BURNING

The Village Office continues to receive complaints about the smell and the smoke coming from illegal open burning fires and wood stove/fireplace fires.

No Open Burning



Residents are reminded that there is **NO OPEN BURNING** allowed in the Village of Fruitvale and **burning any materials other than seasoned firewood** (i.e.: plastic and plastic bags, household garbage, recyclable material, etc.) **IS NOT allowed**.

The only permissible outdoor fires are **small** back-yard campfires (0.5 m X 0.5m in size) and **ONLY seasoned firewood** is to be burned. Flames are to be kept low.

All paper, cardboard and other recyclable products must be recycled appropriately.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice any street lights not working properly, please make note of the number on the pole and house address closest to the location of the pole and what the defect is, then call or email the Village Office to report it. Staff will report it to FortisBC. Please note: FortisBC does not accept reports of non-working street lights from the public.

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION UPDATE

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will keep the public updated on when we are able to start up BV Recreation programs (dependent on when facilities/halls re-open). The main doors to the Arena will remain closed to the public for now. Organizations and individuals who have ice booked, will be permitted in the arena during those pre-booked times. Please email Kelly to book ice rentals or if you have any questions. Ice will remain in until April 30.

The Beaver Valley Family Park Campground will be open on May 21. Please email Kelly to reserve a campsite. Group bookings are being taken but will be dependent on Provincial Orders if they will be allowed.

Kelly is accepting resumes by email for the Summer Parks Program but hiring of the positions are contingent upon the lifting of restrictions as per the orders of our Provincial Health Office. Hopefully more information will be made available by end of April.

For all bookings and questions, please email kwalker@rdkb.com.

BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK

Starting this month, BVYAN Coordinator, Tammy Gallamore will be hosting Zoom meetings focusing on job readiness and leadership opportunities. For more information or to join, please contact Tammy at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com and continue to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club.

BEAVER VALLEY THRIFT STORE

Did you know the Beaver Valley Thrift Store has been in operation for over fifty years! The current location is in Fruitvale above Fruitvale IGA Pharmacy on Main Street. It is operated with all volunteer help! Without these wonderful people there would not be a thrift store here - THANK YOU!

The Beaver Valley Thrift Store has the lowest prices in the area. Thank you to the citizens for all your donations which help us help those in need. If someone loses their belongings to a house fire or if someone is in need, we are there to help them any way that we can. With the money from sales, we donate back to charities such as the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, United Way, CIF, Sanctuary, WINS, Camp Koolaree and Camperships and KERPA.

The Beaver Valley Thrift Store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come pay us a visit or drop off your donations on those days! Please do not leave donations outside on the sidewalk or at the bottom of the stairs; bring them upstairs to the thrift store. Besides clothing we also have kitchen needs, knick-knacks, pictures and many more items of interest.

You can find them on Facebook too at Beaver Valley Thrift Store.





BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

APRIL 2021

APRIL 20 – SENIORS' BOXED LUNCH

March's Beaver Valley Age Friendly lunch served 148 take away lunches!

Our next Age Friendly take-away lunch is on Tuesday April 20, 2021. **Pre-registration is a must - deadline to register is April 14. Please note that you must be 55+ to participate and it is one lunch per senior.** To pre-register, please call or email the Village of Fruitvale Office at 250-367-7551 or info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca with your name(s), phone number, and whether you are from Area A, Fruitvale or Montrose.

In order to speed up the lunch pickup process, a number will be assigned to each person registering for a lunch. This number will be for the door prize as well as your lunch pickup number. Bagged lunches must be picked-up at the front entrance to the Fruitvale Memorial Centre **between the hours of 12:30 - 1:00 pm** on **Tuesday, April 20. The lunch is free, however donations are happily accepted. All lunch donations will be used for future programming.**

CONNECTING GENERATIONS WITH LETTER LINKS PROGRAM

Our "Connecting Generations With Letter Links" program is very successful. To be part of the program, please register with the Village of Fruitvale Office by phone 250-367-7551 or email info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca with your name and mailing address. This program is available to all Beaver Valley seniors.

All registered seniors will be paired up with a Fruitvale Elementary School student. The FES student will write you a note introducing themselves, their grade and mailing address. The students' note will be mailed to your address. When you receive the note, feel free to write back to your student at your leisure. We ask that you write them back every time they write you.

As this program is being rolled out with grant funding, if you require stamps, stamped envelopes or writing paper please contact the Village Office. They will ensure you receive what you need to make the 'Connecting Generations' program a success.

PAY IT FORWARD CONTEST

The Pay it Forward contest is still looking for Beaver Valley teens from 16-19 years old to register.

This contest is open to Beaver Valley residents who are 16 to 19 years of age and our Beaver Valley Seniors aged 55+! Full details are below and on the Village of Fruitvale's website and the Beaver Valley Age Friendly Facebook page.

The Village of Fruitvale, RDKB Area A, and Beaver Valley Dynamic Aging have come together to assist our youths and seniors. The intent of this program is two fold:

1. To assist those students who need volunteer hours to graduate from Grade 12, and
2. To assist our seniors in preparing their outdoors for Spring.

Youth and senior participants must register with the Village of Fruitvale Office by phone or email, 250-367-7551 or info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca **before 4:30pm on April 7, 2021.** Please leave your name and contact information when registering.

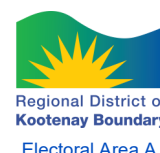
Strict COVID rules will apply and all volunteer work will be OUTSIDE ONLY. All contest participants are required to sign a waiver.

CONTEST RULES:

The youth with the most volunteer hours by the end date of the contest will win a prize worth \$200.00, will have enough volunteers hours to graduate and all youth participants will have the satisfaction of seeing how valuable it is to volunteer.

Please feel free to contact Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick at 250-512-9379 if you have any questions.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS



Easter

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*"We don't stop playing
 because we grow old; we
 grow old because we stop
 playing."*
 - George Bernard Shaw

