



FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS



April 2022



THE GYM REOPENS APRIL 1, 2022

- Must have photo id and proof of both COVID vaccinations upon registration. As of April 8, proof of vaccination is not required.
- Register at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 1947 Beaver Street.
- Users must sanitize before entering the facility.
- Gym ventilation system has been upgraded. **No oscillating fans allowed.**
- Practice social distancing at all times.
- Users must clean all equipment after use with supplied wipes, (ensure all handles, seats, rollers, tracks and all touch points are sanitized).
- Questions - call the Village of Fruitvale Office, 250-367-7551.

This is YOUR gym - janitorial duties are the users' responsibility. Please do your part to keep it clean and tidy. Washrooms will be cleaned on a weekly basis by the Village of Fruitvale.

MONTHLY USER FEES:

Security Access Card - \$25.00
Seniors' Monthly Fee - \$15.00
Non-Seniors Monthly Fee - \$30.00
Replacement Access Card - \$25.00

GYM HOURS

Seniors aged 50+
5:00 am to 10:00 pm
Non-Seniors aged 20-49
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



FRUITVALE FIRE FIGHTERS SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

After a couple of years absence, the Fruitvale Fire Fighters' Society is excited to be hosting the 12th annual Beaver Valley Easter Egg Hunt at the Fruitvale Community Parks (formerly known as Haines Park) on Friday, April 15 at 11:00am.

There will be over 6,000 chocolate eggs covering three fields for three different age categories: 0-3, 4-7, and 8-12. There will be peanut-free chocolate and treats located at one of the designated fire trucks for hunters with allergies to exchange their chocolate eggs for.

There will be Easter cookies and hot chocolate available by donation.

Thank you to Kootenay Savings Credit Union and RDKB BV Recreation for their continued support of this event. Check out "Fruitvale Fire Fighters Non-Profit Society" on Facebook for more details and information.



Spring is Coming! Activities to Look Forward to!

Pickleball is coming to the Valley! Laurel and Kelly....it's true! Construction of the new Pickleball court will begin in June of this year. It will be located 5 kms East of Fruitvale, in Area A, at the beautiful Marsh Creek Family Park. The location was chosen because there is an old, under-utilized basketball court in the Park, so the members of the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee (Mayors Steve & Mike, and Ali - RDKB) decided to re-purpose the unused court into a regulation Pickleball court. That adds another draw to Marsh Creek Park, which is also the setting of a professional disc golf course that is highly used year round! A huge thank you to COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST for a contribution of \$35K - we love the CBT!!

Many people have shifted from tennis to pickleball as it is less intense, easier to master, and it keeps the racket lovers active. Pickleball was initiated in 1965, by three U.S. dads trying to entertain their kids. It mixes table tennis, tennis and badminton, and can be played as singles or doubles. Why is it called Pickleball? There are a couple of explanations to pick from: one, because it is a combination of different sports it reminded one of the inventors' wives of the so-called "pickle boat," when oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of others crews, and two, the sport was named after a dog, "Pickle," who liked to chase the ball. I prefer the latter, as it is much more fun!

Bocce too?!

You betcha! A Bocce Pit Plan is the result of another great partnership with Area A and the Village of Fruitvale. After a discussion with Mayor Steve and Council, a location behind the Fruitvale Memorial Hall was determined as a central, accessible location. The bocce pit will offer visiting campers an enjoyable pastime while they visit our Village, and there is generous parking available for local users as well. Details will be forthcoming.

Bocce ball is an ancient sport that goes back to the Roman Empire. The first documented game of Bocce was depicted in a 5200 B.C. painting that showed two boys playing the game. The painting was in a Egyptian tomb. Some folks also refer to the game as lawn bowling. It is a game for everyone! It is considered a very versatile game in which the rules may be "negotiated" by the players. I hope many people will enjoy playing Bocce in Fruitvale.



"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." – Anonymous"



Mayor Steve Morissette

Happy Spring! I enjoy all four seasons, it's why I love living here.

Spring is a busy time for the Village as staff goes through the annual audit, the Village is cleaned up from winter, prepared for summer, and we finalize our budget. This year we chose to reduce our tax rate to soften the impact of the large property assessment increase while still managing as we have over the past four years to build a budget that slowly builds capital reserves to address replacing some of our worn infrastructure (pipes in the ground, roads, sidewalks, etc).

Thanks to some great BV volunteers, we have partnered with INCREDIBLE Farmers Market to bring regular markets to Pole Yard Lane this summer. Markets are scheduled so they do not conflict with other area markets and are tentatively being booked from 3:00 - 7:00 pm every second Tuesday beginning May 17 until October 18. Check out Fruitvale's Farmers Market on Facebook for more information.

A big shout out to our amazing volunteers at our Thrift Store and Food Bank, thank you so much for the work you do to support people in our Valley and congratulations for choosing to co-locate, what a great idea! More info coming shortly.

On behalf of Council and Staff, I'd like to wish you all a Happy Easter. Enjoy our Spring!

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held in person at the Fruitvale Memorial Center and via Zoom Video Conference at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693>
Meeting ID: 335 372 6693. **Meetings begin at 4:00pm**

Regular Council - April 11

Committee of the Whole April 25

The Village Office and Public Works Department will be closed for Easter on April 15 and 18.

For public works emergencies call 250-367-6162

RDKB UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held via Zoom Video Conference

Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 13 @ 1:00pm

Utilities Committee

Wednesday, April 13 @ 11:00am

Electoral Area Services Committee

Thursday, April 14 @ 10:00am

BV Regional Parks & Trails Committee

Tuesday, April 19 @ 9:00am

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, April 19 @ 10:30am

Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 26 @ 9:30am

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

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Fax: 250-367-9267

Public Works &
After Hours Emergencies:
250-367-6162

General Email
info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Web
www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Facebook
Village of Fruitvale



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

202 - 843 Rossland Ave
Trail, BC V1R 4S8
Ph: 250-368-9148

General Email
RDKB email addresses are most often **first initial, last name @rdkb.com**
(For example Joe Smith would be jsmith@rdkb.com)

Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve
agrieve@rdkb.com

Web
www.rdkb.com

DID YOU KNOW...

Burning and Wood Waste Policy 3.06/Fire Safety and Prevention Bylaw 749, 2006

No Open 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.

Residents are reminded that there is **no open burning** allowed in the Village of Fruitvale and burning any materials other than seasoned firewood (ie: 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) burning **seasoned firewood** only and the flames must be kept low.

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

Animal Responsibility Bylaw 922

Part 4B - Dogs

With the melting snow comes dog poop on boulevards and around sidewalks that hasn't been picked up over the winter. Dog owners are again reminded to pick up your dog's poop and dispose of it lawfully. Use a "doggie-do-do" waste bag to pick up the poop, take it back to your house and dispose of it properly (in a Village of Fruitvale garbage bag) or drop the little bag in a designated waste bin provided by the Village. "Doggie-do-do" bag stations are placed at various locations around the Village. Grab a couple bags and keep our boulevards and sidewalks clear. Keeping feces off the sidewalks and boulevards keeps the community clean and your dog safe from diseases.

With the nicer weather, residents are enjoying the outdoors. In addition to the requirements of the Anti-Noise Bylaw, dog owners must not allow their dog to bark, howl, or cry for ten minutes or more without significant periods of rest; or otherwise in such a manner as to cause a nuisance. Dog owners must not permit their dog to bark during evening hours.

If you haven't purchased a dog tag/license for your dog over 4 months of age, now is the time to do so. Costs are \$25 for a spayed or neutered dog or \$75 for an intact dog. Tags can be purchased at the Village Office. Dog tags must be placed on your dog's collar and the collar worn by your dog.

Part 4E - Cats

The Village Office has received complaints regarding cats roaming onto private property and leaving their "mark". Cat owners are asked to please have consideration for your neighbours and keep your cat on your own property and limit their need to roam.

Owners of outdoor cats **must** have the cat spayed or neutered.

No more than three cats over the age of 12 weeks are allowed and each cat must have sufficient identification kept affixed to it by means of a collar, harness, traceable tattoo, microchip or other suitable device, so if someone finds a cat at large in the Village it can be identified and returned to the owner.

Part 4J - Wildlife

Residents must not intentionally feed or leave food out for the purpose of feeding the following wildlife: deer, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, feral rabbits, bears, coyotes, cougars, wolves, or other animals designated as dangerous wildlife under the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 488 or feral cats or cats without identification. Animal feed must not be kept outside a building unless it is stored in a fully enclosed container that is capable of keeping out rats, bears, raccoons and other wildlife.

Residents can find more information on the above and on the keeping of other animals within the Village in the Animal Responsibility Bylaw 922 on our website.

A reminder to all pet owners — Please do your part to control the pet population — have all your pets spayed or neutered.

The above bylaws and policy, along with other Village bylaws and policies, can be found on the Village's website www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca under the 'Services' tab.

Harvest Central Community Garden - Garden Plots



The Village of Fruitvale is taking applications from Village and Area 'A' residents for the garden plots at the Harvest Central Community Garden for the 2022 growing season.

Priority is given to residents who do not have space for a garden.

Application forms can be picked up at the Village Office or found under 'News' on the

Village of Fruitvale website, www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca and must be returned to the Village no later than Monday, April 4, 2022. Successful applicants will be contacted by mid-April.



Residents Living Along Fruitvale Creek

Residents 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.

Spring Clean-up

Mark your calendars for Spring Clean-up on **Friday, April 22** and **Monday, April 25**. **Only Organic Materials will be collected.** Tree cuttings must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and must be piled at your usual garbage collection location. All other **organic** material must be bagged in **transparent 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.**

Trash to Treasure Day

This 1-day event is your chance to help reduce waste by giving away your gently used unwanted household items and claiming old treasures from your neighbours.

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22), Trash to Treasure Day will be held on **Saturday, April 23**. To participate: Collect your unwanted, gently used household items - Place them by the curb for treasure hunters to access them without disrupting traffic - Create a lawn sign to let treasure hunters know your items are up for grabs (or download a sign at www.rdkb.com) - Remove all remaining items by 4:00 pm. Have fun!

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.**

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.

2022 Snowbuster

What is a 'Snowbuster'?

A Snowbuster is someone who performs *Random Acts of Kindness* to their neighbours by clearing snow and ice.

Are you the recipient of a Snowbuster's 'Random Act of Kindness'?

To show your appreciation to your Snowbuster, submit their name to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca along with a brief explanation of why you are nominating your Snowbuster before April 15. On April 20 all nominations will be placed in a draw for a gift certificate from a local business.

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE GARBAGE & RECYCLING DATES

APRIL 2022

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

LEGEND

- South Side Garbage
- North Side Garbage
- South Side Recycling
- North Side Recycling
- Spring Clean-up
- Trash to Treasure Day

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

Beaver Valley Recreation Programs

Body Weight, Bands & Balls – Fridays, Noon-1:00pm, Fruitvale Hall

Gentle Yoga with Wendy Robertson – Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall

Gentle Yoga with Jodi Ihas – Thursdays, 7:00-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall

A.C.T. (Aerobics Chair Tone) Fitness – Tues & Thurs, 9:45-10:45am, Fruitvale Hall

Seniors Line Dancing - Fridays, 10:00-11:00am, Fruitvale Hall (last class is April 8)

Kids Soccer ages 3 & 4 – Mondays & Wednesdays, first session is May 2-30 (omit May 23), 4:00-4:30pm, Ella Matteucci Field, \$40

Timbits Softball ages 4 & 5 – Tuesdays & Thursdays, first session is May 3-26, 4:00-4:30pm, Ella Matteucci Field, \$40

Babysitting Course ages 11+ – Saturday, May 7, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Fruitvale Hall, \$65

Stay Safe Home Alone ages 9+ – Saturday, June 11, 9:00am – 2:00pm, Fruitvale Hall, \$40

Zumba – Coming soon!

To register for any of the above programs, please email Kelly at kwalker@rdkb.com or call the Beaver Valley Recreation cell at 250-231-5172.

Beaver Valley Recreation is on Facebook. Please like and follow our page to get up-to-date information on programs and events. Information can also be found at www.rdkb.com

Beaver Valley Public Library

Kids Craft Bags

April 12 - June 7, 2022
Pick up only

Call the library if you would like to register for the Kids Craft Bags at 250-367-7114.

Seniors Craft Bags

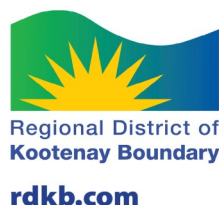
If you would like to receive a free Senior Craft Bag twice a month in the winter and once a month in the summer, please call the Beaver Valley Public Library.

Streetlights

Residents are asked to report any non-working streetlights to the Village Office by phone to 250-367-7551 or by email at info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca.

When reporting the non-working light to the Village Office please have the number listed on the pole (yellow with black numbers), the street address of the house closest to the pole and the problem with the light, whether it is completely out or flashing on and off. We will then report the light to Fortis BC for repair.

Money Towards Your Wood Stove Upgrade



Thinking of changing out your old smoky wood stove? The RDKB has teamed up with the Province and the BC Lung Association to provide funds for switching to cleaner appliances such as **heat pumps, gas or pellet stoves or cleaner burning wood stoves.**

For more info, contact Coordinator John Vere at: **250.442.9519** or woodstove@rdkb.com.

Beaver Valley May Days 2022 Cancelled!

The current board of directors for May Days will be stepping down this year, and without others to take their place, this organization will unfortunately be dissolved. Due to the lack of volunteers and the uncertainty with Covid related restrictions, May Days 2022 has been cancelled.

There is still hope, however as the current board is willing to stay on in name for the next few months to allow more time to recruit new members. We understand that everyone has had a rough few years and volunteers are hard to find for all organizations, but if you can spare a few hours a week and/or know others who could do the same, that is all it will take to keep things alive. This is a great way to give back to the community and the more volunteers, the lighter the workload for all! With enough help this year a smaller event could still happen even if it's not the same May Days as past years.

The AGM has been re-scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13**, at 7:00pm in-person at the Fruitvale Christian Fellowship Church on Columbia Gardens Road to elect the executive and directors. Stay tuned to the Beaver Valley May Days Facebook page for any changes.

Please email bvmaydays@gmail.com for more information, to submit nominations or to volunteer for the open positions.

More information can be found on our new, upgraded website. <https://www.beavervalleymaydays.com/>

We hope to see you at the AGM!

Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation - Free Income Tax Service for Greater Trail Residents

This **free** service is available to low-income individuals who satisfy certain limits and restrictions. No appointments; interviews are on a first-come basis. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the posted closing time. Due to COVID-19 the returns will be done by a modified drop off process.

Annual income maximum guidelines are as follows:

Single person	\$35,000
Two persons in family	\$45,000
More than two persons	\$2,500 for each additional person

Persons with investment/interest income in excess of \$1,000, capital gains/losses, partnership income, rental income, business or professional income, farming or fishing income, bankruptcy, or anyone with complex deductions may be deemed **ineligible** for this service. Also, we are unable to prepare final returns for deceased persons. Other limitations may apply.

COVID-19 protocols are in place so wear your mask and maintain social distancing. Returns will not be completed on site as was an option in prior years.

March 1 to April 30 from 9:00am to 11:00am at three locations listed as follows:

Tuesday at **Trail United Church**, 1300 Pine Ave, Trail. Last interview April 19. Last date for pickup—April 26.

Wednesday at the **Royal Canadian Legion**, 2141 Columbia Ave, in East Trail, (next to Columbia Glass). Enter via ramp at south end. Last interview April 20. Last date for pickup April 27.

Thursday at **Waneta Plaza**, where Ricki's used to be. Last interview April 21. Last date for pickup April 28.

Be sure to bring all essential documents and receipts to the interview. We require a piece of government photo ID. If possible, bring your copy of the previous year's return and/or the CRA Notice of Assessment for the previous year. You will be asked to complete a questionnaire that we will use to complete your taxes.

If you are eligible to receive the GST credit or other credits, you **must** file a tax return by May 2 to ensure timely receipt of quarterly payments which commence at the beginning of July.

Enquiries at Trail FAIR Society 250-364-2326 or cvitp.trail@gmail.com

Please note you must pick up your copy of completed return the following week. Any return not picked up within two weeks of application and filing will be shredded.

Attention all Beaver Valley Seniors



Beaver Valley Recreation is in the process of transitioning over the Age Friendly Program from the Village of Fruitvale to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. This transition will take us a little time to hire a new Age Friendly Coordinator and get the program off to a fresh start. While we are in transition, the April luncheon is cancelled. See you in May!

We are excited to be able to assist you with your recreation needs and we will keep you up to date on our progress through the newsletter and through our Beaver Valley Recreation Facebook page.

Mark Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation

Senior Citizens Branch 44 Events

BV Senior Citizens Branch #44 have resumed seniors activities.

Bingo - Mondays at 1:00pm

Cards - Thursdays at 1:00pm

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, April 13 @

All activities are in the Recreation Room at the Beaver Valley Manor. Triple vaccination and wearing masks required.

Sunshine Rotary Club Food Drive

Join the Waneta Sunshine Rotary Club at Liberty AG Foods to support the Beaver Valley Food Bank on **Saturday, April 9** from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Donations of non-perishable food items **which have not passed their expiry date** such as pasta, canned goods, etc., personal hygiene items and cash donations are welcome.

For more information please contact Maddy at 250-367-6549.

Get Net Zero Ready, For Free!



Build Energy Smart - Winter Trades Series

Building in the Kootenays and Boundary areas? This FREE series of online workshops focuses on trades crucial to building high performance homes. Learn more about airtight and emerging technologies and techniques relevant to your trade to help meet *BC Energy Step Code* requirements.

Sign up to the workshop relevant to YOU:

Electricians: April 5 @ 7:30 - 8:30 am

Interior & Finishing Trades: April 12 @ 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Site Supervisors: April 26 @ 7:30 am - 8:30 am



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

These workshops are funded by FortisBC. Register and find out more on the RDKB website:
<https://rdkb.com/Environment/Climate-Energy/Energy-Efficiency>

Build Energy Smart Online Workshops Winter Trades Series

The Province is mandating that new homes are 20% better than current building code. The 2018 BC Building Code revision will be released December 2022, effective Province-wide January 2023.

Recently the Province lowered the target for all new buildings to be net zero ready from 2032 to 2030. We need to be ready.



March - April 2022

Developed by BCIT professionals and industry experts, this winter workshop series has been designed for building in the Kootenays. It focuses on trades crucial to high efficiency building but are open to all trades, builders, EAs and building officials.

Timeline for Energy Efficiency Regulatory Requirements in the BC Building Code
Here's what the province's CleanBC plan will mean for new-construction requirements.



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| 1. HVAC & AC Contractors: | March 8 @ 7:30 - 8:30 am |
| 2. Insulation & Siding Contractors: | March 15 @ 7:30 - 8:30 am |
| 3. Plumbers: | March 29 @ 7:30 - 8:30 am |
| 4. Electricians: | April 5 @ 7:30 - 8:30 am |
| 5. Interior & Finishing Trades: | April 12 @ 7:30 - 8:30 am |
| 6. Site Supervisors: | April 26 @ 7:30 - 9:30 am |

These workshops are streamed from the BCIT lab providing practical demonstrations, mock ups and case studies.