



FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS

December 2018

Keeping the Community Informed

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MORISSETTE

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that exercised their right to vote in the recent municipal election; we had a record turnout in Fruitvale. I'd also like to thank the outgoing Mayor and Council members for the good work they were all part of for the last several years. On behalf of Fruitvale, thank you for your positive contribution to the community.

Council is busy learning and settling into their new roles. December 3 we will be setting the 2019 calendar for Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings; we will then be posting the meetings on the Village website and in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone that came out to pay their respects at the Remembrance Day Ceremony and to all the volunteers who were part of putting on the ceremony. You may have noticed Village of Montrose Mayor Walsh was involved in the ceremony. Going forward we really want to share more with our Valley neighbours.

I want to wish residents a safe and Merry Christmas. Please try to reach out and help someone struggling this Christmas. ~ Steve

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OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES AND UTILITIES

All outstanding 2018 property taxes and utilities are due by **December 31, 2018**. Outstanding utilities as of January 1, 2019 will be transferred to property taxes in arrears and accrue daily interest.

The Village Office will be closed December 24, 2018 and will reopen January 2, 2019. For your convenience, we accept post-dated cheques to December 31, 2018. Payments may also be made through online banking, but please allow three days for your payment to be completed by your financial institution. If you are not able to visit the Village Office in person, cheques may be placed through the front entrance mail slot. A final year-end deposit will be made on December 31.

To avoid interest, all payments must reach the Village Office by December 31, including those sent by mail and made through online banking.

SNOW REMOVAL

It's that time of year again for snow reminders:

- Residents are reminded that all vehicles must be removed from boulevards and off-street parking must be provided for your visitors so vehicles do not impede the snow removal process. **Vehicles restricting snow removal will be towed at the owner's expense. Warnings will not be issued.**
- If you move snow from private property onto any street or sidewalk, you will be invoiced by the Village for time spent clearing the snow.
- Please **do not place plastic or tarps on the boulevard**, this is dangerous for our crew and damages equipment if the plow catches it.
- Please be aware that the Public Works Department maintains only the portion of Bluebird Road from Highway 3B to Scout Road. The remainder of Bluebird Road is maintained by YRB. Residents may notice that all of Bluebird Road may not be plowed at the same time.
- RDKB Area A residents please note that YRB is in charge of maintaining your roads. If there is a problem with snow removal, please contact YRB 1-888-630-1420 or the Ministry of Transportation in Nelson at 250-354-6400.

UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE COUNCIL MEETINGS



Council Meeting

Monday
December 3
@ 4:00 pm

**Committee
of the Whole**
Monday
December 17
CANCELLED

**Above meetings are
held in Council
Chambers**

Safety Notes:

- Please keep children safe and do not allow them to play on snow banks next to roads or on windrows in the middle of streets.
- Trucks and plows frequently slow down, turn and back up - please stay well back from trucks and plows at all times for the safety of both you and the snow plowing crew.

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING DATES

GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES

FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY - *Denotes a change from the regular day

South Side:	December 4 & 18, 2018	North Side:	December 5 & 19, 2018
	January 3*, 15 & 29, 2019		January 4*, 16 & 30, 2019

RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

South Side:	December 6 & 20, 2018	North Side:	December 7 & 21, 2018
	January 3, 17 & 31, 2019		January 4 & 18, 2019

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The Village of Fruitvale will once again be taking Christmas trees to the landfill free of charge after the Christmas season.

Please bring your tree to the designated area (**look for the sign**) in the Pole Yard before **January 13, 2019**. **There will be no curb-side tree collection.** Please ensure all decorations and plastic tree bags have been removed when you drop off your tree.

2019 DOG TAGS (licenses)

The 2019 dog tags (licenses) will be available for purchase beginning on January 2, 2019. All dogs in the Village are required to be licensed. Cost for a license is \$25.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$75.00 for an unaltered dog. A current year tag on your dog will ensure that it is returned to you if it is found out of your yard. It's a small price to pay for the safe return of your family pet.

Please remember that it is a contravention of the Dog Tax and Regulation Bylaw No. 728 to allow your dogs to run free. Dogs at large run the risk of being picked up by the SPCA and fines will be levied to the dog owner. **Please, for the safety of everyone, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard.**

Dog owners are reminded to pick up their dog feces and to not let their dog bark continually while out in the yard. We have received numerous complaints of dog feces being left along sidewalks, roads and in alleyways and dogs continually barking at all hours of the day and night. **Please be considerate of your neighbours – pick up after your dog, dispose of the feces accordingly and don't let your dog disturb the peace of the neighbourhood by continuous barking.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you to the 500+ people who came to pay their respects at the Remembrance Day Service on November 11. A special thank you to the veterans in attendance, the armed forces cadets for sentinel duty, the RCMP Honour Guard Cpl. Joseph Stochmanski (retired), Pastor Bryan Henry, Lt (N) Llorca McTeer for vocals, and the Beaver Valley Youth Club and Beaver Valley Pathfinders for their reading of "In Flanders Fields" and to all those who laid wreaths in remembrance.

Community Clubs & Events

BV UNITED CHURCH FOOD BANK

The BV United Church Food Bank Committee would like to send a huge thank you to the following:

- Atco Wood Products for generously donating this year's proceeds of \$1,151 from the Jingle Express Train tickets!
- The Fruitvale & Montrose Firefighters, BV Girl Guides and BV Youth Club for their annual food drive that was held on November 21.
- And last, but not least, the residents of the Beaver Valley! Your generous monetary and non-perishable food donations have kept the food bank shelves stocked for many, many years. The community support of the food bank is overwhelming and so greatly appreciated.

Also, special thanks to Marlene Stephenson for all her help with the BV United Church Food Bank over the years. Marlene will be handing over the reins as of January 1, 2019. Thank you, Marlene, for your service!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JINGLE EXPRESS TRAIN RIDES



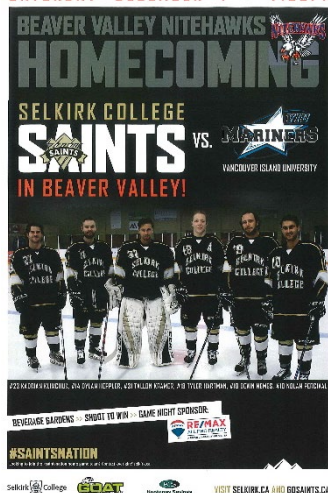
DECEMBER 1

9:00am, 10:00am,
& 11:00am

12 Noon, 1:00pm,
2:00pm & 3:00pm

Pole Yard

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1 - 7:00PM



JINGLE DOWN MAIN



DECEMBER 8

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Pole Yard

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



DECEMBER 8

9:00am - 11:00am

Fruitvale Memorial Hall

As of January 1, 2019, the BV United Church Food Bank will be known as the Beaver Valley Food Bank. Melva Scott will be the contact person for the Beaver Valley Food Bank. Her number is 250-367-6481. The food bank is located at 1917 Columbia Gardens Road.

FRUITVALE COMMUNITY CHEST / BEAVER VALLEY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Community Chest serves those residents living in Fruitvale, Montrose, Beaver Falls and Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Area A.

If you are in need of, or if you know of an individual or family in need of a helping hand this Christmas please contact Doug or Barb at 250-367-6349 or Dorothy at 250-367-6181 to be placed on the Christmas hamper program. The Fruitvale Community Chest will be distributing Christmas Hampers on Saturday December 22, 2018 at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. **Please make sure you are on the list before coming to pick up.**

The Community Chest gratefully accepts all donations of non-perishable food items **that have not PASSED their expiry date.** Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses downtown. Food bags to be included in the hampers can be purchased at Liberty Foods. Monetary donations can be given directly to Doug or Barb Hall.

At this time of giving, we ask that residents please be generous to those in need. This program is provided in partnership with the BV United Church Food Bank and any excess is given to them.

On behalf of the Community Chest, we'd like to thank the community for their generosity at this special time of year and wish everyone in the Valley a Merry Christmas!

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

The Fruitvale and Montrose Community Chest invite you to participate in their 13th Annual Gifts for Children Christmas tree. Tags for gifts can be found on the beautiful tree at Kootenay Savings Credit Union in Fruitvale. Deadline to pick up gift tags is Friday, December 7 and the unwrapped gifts (gift bags are accepted) must be returned to KSCU no later than December 14, 2018.

Thank you to our residents for your generosity and support to help every member in our community have a beautiful, joyous Christmas.

JINGLE DOWN MAIN

Bring the family down to Main Street on Saturday, December 8 to kick off the Christmas season at the annual Jingle Down Main event from 2:00-6:00pm in the Pole Yard.

There will be a variety of food vendors with plenty of food such as hot dogs, borscht & bun, baking, popcorn, cotton candy, cookies, hot and cold drinks. The firefighters will have their bonfire and hot chocolate to warm you inside and out; Christmas carols will be sung; and the kids can visit with Santa at Santa's Village and make crafts at the Kids Craft Corner. New this year will be an outdoor Craft Market where you can get a jumpstart on your Christmas gift shopping; a 'Stay Warm' table with warm coats and winter outerwear donations available free of charge to those residents in need; and boxes for donations of non-perishable food items and jars for monetary donations for the local food bank.

Don't forget to visit our local businesses for in-store specials and pick-up your baking ingredients or Christmas dinner fixins' at Liberty Foods.

Thank you to: FortisBC, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, Liberty Foods, Petro Canada, Dr. Greg Barrett and Ron and Darlene at Fair Realty for their generous support of this community event.

Thank you also to: BV Dynamic Aging Society, BV Senior Citizens' Association, BV Youth Club, Company #276 Firefighters, Fair Realty/The Home Team, Fruitvale Christian Fellowship, Fruitvale Pub, Twins Borscht and Baking, Fruitvale Pharmacy, Country Roads, and everyone behind the scenes who make this event possible! It couldn't be done without you!

BEAVER VALLEY BOWLING CLUB

BV Bowling Club is having a Jingle Down Main Bowling Special from 6:00 - 9:00pm on Saturday December 8 - \$2/game - shoe rental included. Lights and Music will be on! Enter to win a \$50 gift basket. 1 entry/game/person bowled. Follow BV Bowling Club on Facebook for updates on open bowling times. For any inquiries please email info@bvbowlclub.ca

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Bring the kids down to the Fruitvale Memorial Hall to enjoy a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast, cooked by the Fruitvale Firefighters and served by the Beaver Valley Nitehawks, on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00-11:00am. Small breakfast is \$4 and large breakfast is \$6. All proceeds are donated to the Fruitvale Community Chest to help with food hampers in the Valley. Don't forget the camera to capture a picture with Santa.

This event would not be possible without Liberty AG Foods, Fruitvale Fire Department, Beaver Valley Nitehawks, Beaver Valley Recreation, Village of Fruitvale, and the Fruitvale Community Chest. For more information, please call Kelly at 250-367-9319.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

BV BOWLING CLUB OPEN BOWLING



DECEMBER 8

6:00pm - 9:00pm
Beaver Valley Lanes

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR



December 18

BV Manor 6:00pm,
Mountain Side Village
6:10pm & Montrose Hall
6:25pm

KIDS' CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR



December 19

6:00pm
BV Arena

CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE



December 24

BV Arena
11:30am - 2:00pm

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Join the trip around town to see the best lit spots on Tuesday, December 18! The Nitehawks' bus will pick you up and return you to your pickup location (BV Manor 6:00pm, Mountain Side Village 6:10pm & Montrose Hall 6:25pm). After the tour, we'll stop for coffee/hot chocolate & a sweet at the Beaver Valley Manor. Cost is \$5 per person. **You must pre-register at 250-367-9319.** Thank you to the BV Nitehawks, BV Recreation and Ferraro Foods for sponsoring this event!

KIDS' CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR (ages 4+)

Bring the kids (aged 4+) to see the beauty of Christmas lights on Wednesday, December 19. The Nitehawks bus will pick you up at the Beaver Valley Arena parking lot at 6:00pm to enjoy a ride into Trail to see the best lit spots! Following the tour, Christmas treats will be provided for each child to take home plus get your picture taken with Santa!

Cost is \$5 per person. You must **pre-register** at 250-367-9319. Thank you to the BV Nitehawks for donating their bus for this event!

BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

The Beaver Valley Youth Club, open to all Beaver Valley youth ages 12-18, has the following events scheduled for December:

Saturday, Dec. 8 - Jingle Down Main Kids' Corner, co-sponsored with the BV Dynamic Aging Society - 2:00 - 6:00pm in the Pole Yard

Friday, Dec. 14 - Christmas Button Night - 7:00 - 9:00pm @ Fruitvale Memorial Hall. Bring magazines for button pictures.

Friday, Dec. 21 - Royal Theater Movie - 3:00pm @ Royal Theater in Trail. Kick off winter break with the movie Aquaman! Doors open at 3:00pm, movie starts at 3:30pm. You'll get a free small popcorn, drink and movie ticket.

For more information on the above events and to register, contact Tammy Gallamore, BV Youth Coordinator at communications@village.fruitvale.bc.ca and follow them on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club for all the details and updates to our programming.

BV CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

The BV Cross Country Ski Club *may not* be able to operate this season. BC Parks is undertaking a fuel management project.

For more information, please attend the BV Cross Country Ski Club's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the BV Curling Club's meeting room.

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Power Yoga - Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00pm, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall, Dec. 17 last class before holidays

Restorative Massage Yoga - Mondays, 7:15-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall, Dec. 17 last class before holidays

Zumba - Mondays at Fruitvale Hall and Thursdays at Montrose Hall, 6:45-7:45pm, \$50 5x pass, \$92 10x pass, \$172 20x pass, \$11 drop-in, Dec. 17 last class before holidays

Kootenay Kids Unplugged, Outdoor Adventure Camps - Monday to Thursday, 8:30-11:00am (ages 3-5) & 2:30-5:00pm (ages 5-10), \$20/day. This program is now operated by Caitlyn. Please find the program on Facebook or call her at 250-921-5171

Box Kick Strength - Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30am, Tae Kwon Do Gym, runs until Dec. 16

Seniors Line Dance - Fridays, 10:00 - 11:00am, \$1 drop-in, Fruitvale Hall Dec. 7, Curling Rink Dec. 14

Personal Training - April Arnot is offering 1 on 1, pairs and small groups of 3-4 people at the TaeKwon Do Gym. Seniors 65+ receive 5% off. If you have any questions, please contact April at (250) 231-5919

Zumba Christmas special: 5, 10 and 20 pass punch cards are available for purchase for \$50, \$92 and \$172. Receive 1 free class pass with punch pass purchased for a Christmas gift. Promotion offered from Dec.1-17 and passes activated first class attended come the new year.

Passes can be purchased from the instructor at class (Dec. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17) or purchased over the phone with Visa or Mastercard by calling 250-367-9319.

Donation Skate: Come skating at the BV Arena on Friday, **December 7** from 6:00 - 7:45pm. Bring a non-perishable food item and get into public skating FREE! All food items will be donated to the Fruitvale Community Chest.

Kids Time with Sticks and Pucks at the BV Arena is on **December 16** from 6:30-7:30pm, **December 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31** from 10:30-11:30am. Bring your child 8 and under to the rink to get some practice with their own sticks. Nets and pucks are provided. Helmet is required, cost \$2 drop-in.

Glow Skate: The main lights will be shut off and colored laser lights will be glowing on Fridays, **December 7, 14 & 21** from 6:00-7:45pm.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

MONTROSE CARD CLUB



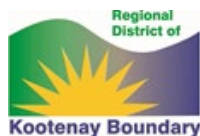
December 4 & 18

6:15pm

Montrose Hall

UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY MEETINGS



BV Recreation

Tuesday, Dec. 11

@ 12:00 pm

RDKB Trail

Committee Room

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 11

@ 4:30 pm

RDKB Trail

Boardroom

Board of Directors

Wednesday, Dec. 12

@ 4:30pm

RDKB Trail

Boardroom

Drop-in hockey (ages 9-14) at the BV Arena is on **December 9** from 6:30-7:30pm, **Dec. 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31** from 11:30-12:30pm. Nets and pucks are provided. Full hockey gear is required, cost \$2 drop-in.

Christmas Eve Skate is on **December 24** from 11:30am – 2:00pm. Join us for our annual Christmas Skating Party sponsored by the Beaver Valley Lions Club! Enjoy a FREE skate to your favourite Christmas carols or relax for a few minutes and enjoy a complimentary hot dog and juice box while you wait for the arrival of our Special Guest (12:30pm!)

Christmas Holiday Public Skating Schedule:

Dec. 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3, 4 is 1:00-2:30pm, Dec. 24 is 11:30am-2:00pm, Jan. 5 is 2:45-4:00pm and Jan. 6 is 2:45-4:45pm. We are offering **FREE** skating at the Beaver Valley Arena during the Christmas Holidays. A big thank you to the Beaver Valley businesses for sponsoring and continuing this special holiday tradition!

10x Skate punch passes are available for youth, adult and family. They can be purchased at the BV Recreation office at the BV Arena. Cost is \$20 for youth, \$28 for adult and \$72 for family. This is a great gift idea for your family member, friend, paper boy/girl or snow shoveler.

To register for any of the above programs, please call 250-367-9319.

RDKB Area A News

IMPROVEMENTS TO CAMP TWEEDSMUIR SCOUTS CANADA FACILITY IN FRUITVALE, BC

Camp Tweedsmuir has been around since the first 10 acres were donated in 1933. over time we expanded to cover 40 acres, and all in the heart of the Village of Fruitvale.

For many past years we have been graced with funding from Columbia Basin Trust, allowing us to do needed repairs and make some awesome improvements to the facility. The youth and leaders have been so excited about all that we have accomplished.

This year is no exception — with the funding in place our volunteers got right to work. Our first project was to shore up the First Aid Cabin. It has been sitting on old sections of log for many years and these were rotting out. Our volunteers jacked up the corners, poured cement posts and then put the cabin back down. We then installed actual windows and siding to the whole building and trimmed up the windows and doors. It's now ready for a new coat of paint in the spring.

Our second project was to install a solar grid tie-in system. James York of District Solar Energy was very helpful in figuring out what we needed and then installing the 16 panels and all the connections needed. We have a display panel in the main hall so we can keep checking on how well we are doing at producing electricity. This has a second job — it is also there so we can teach the youth all about what is happening.

After all, it was the youth who said we need to do a better job at "going green."

Since the system has been running, we have had a positive outcome: we are using less electricity from FortisBC and saving on energy costs. Bonus for us!

Our last project, completed on Nov. 13, was the cover on the bridge. Our hard-span bridge was put in by the military back in 2007 (CBT funds!). Over the years, we have had to replace the deck and other small repairs plus tried to clear the snow off it during the winter, sometimes not successfully due to ice buildup. Now we have a nice cover over it that will make it safe to use in the winter and will help to prevent time consuming maintenance.



All the work at the camp has been done by our volunteers to date other than the electrical projects. We can't thank Columbia Basin Trust and the local Communities enough. Without your grant program, we would not only have been unable to do these improvements, we would have been unable to keep up with the maintenance required.

Now to start planning for next year!!!

THANK YOU!

Heather Hamer

Offices & Public Works Closures

The Village of Fruitvale Public Works Department will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 & 26 and January 1 and 2.

The Village of Fruitvale Office will be closed from Monday, December 24 to Tuesday, January 1, inclusive. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:30am.

For emergency matters needing immediate attention during the holiday closures, please call 250-367-6162. An answering service will relay your emergency to our on-call personnel.

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 & 26 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Merry Christmas to the residents of the Beaver Valley!

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace; the gladness of Christmas give you hope; and the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

From RDKB Area 'A' Director Grieve, Village of Fruitvale Mayor Morissette, Councillors and Staff at the RDKB and Village Office.

MESSAGE FROM RDKB AREA A DIRECTOR ALI GRIEVE

Thank you to all Area A residents for allowing me the opportunity to continue serving our community. I am excited about the coming months as the new councils and directors at the RDKB Board table get to know each other and continue with the good works of the past rural and municipal representatives.

Also, a big thank you to past mayors, councilors and directors: each and everyone one of you has had a positive influence and impact on your community! Well done!

Your Beaver Valley Recreation Committee will begin work in 2019 by reaching out to all Valley residents with a survey, as it has been a few years since we last reached out for community comment. We encourage everyone to participate, as your input helps us set the recreation decisions and direction for the next five years.

The New Year will also bring another Area A Town Hall meeting for your chance to see the five-year financial plans for Area A, along with an overview of the services that we participate in. This year, I plan on working with the Mayors of Fruitvale and Montrose as part of this meeting, to include a conversation on Fire Smart initiatives for our homes and our communities. Hope to see you there!

Recipe for a Merry Christmas: "A dash of JOY mixed with a touch of PEACE. Add a pinch of MAGIC and stir with HOPE. Garnish with LOVE and have a wonderful holiday!" Please remember, 'tis the season for giving and sharing. ~ Ali



Jingle Down Main

Saturday December 8 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the Pole Yard

In-Store Specials
Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate
Cotton Candy
Outdoor Craft Market

Firefighters' Bonfire
Twins Borscht & Baking
Santa From 4 - 5:30 pm
Kids Crafts

Christmas Carols
Christmas Tree Light-up
Popcorn
'Stay Warm' Table with winter outerwear free for individuals or families in need

Jingle Down Main is an annual Village of Fruitvale Council Spirit Event
Thank you to our Sponsors: FortisBC, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, Liberty Foods, Dr. Greg Barrett, Fair Realty/Home Team, Petro Canada.
Thank you: BV Dynamic Aging Society, BV Senior Citizens Association Branch #44, BV Youth Club, Company #376 Firefighters, Fruitvale Christian Fellowship Carolers, Twins Borscht and Baking, Craft Market participants, Santa, and everyone behind the scenes who helped make this event happen.

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