

CANDY CANE

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The Village of Fruitvale invites you to Candy Cane Lane
the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

at

Saturday December 04, 2021

Market 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Santa 2:00 pm

Crafts for kids 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Beverages for all ages & Food 12:00 - 7:00 pm

Outdoor Family Christmas movie 4:00 pm (bring chairs)

Vendors

Hot Chocolate & Cookies - FV Volunteer Fire Dept
(By donation for the Firefighters Society)

Epicure - Selena de Wit

Macrame by Salish Sea Shells - Heidi Hofmann-Huber

Maggie's Christmas Goodies & Crafts - Maggie

Food Safe Sandwich & Snack Bag's - Joanne Beugger

Children's Wooden & Christmas Puzzles - Matt Core

Chainsaw Wood Carving - Ray Barrett

Mountain Town Designs Wood Décor - Kyle

Wire Sculpting - Leah Wilson

Goodies Shop - Village of Fruitvale

You Silly Sausage - Michael

Dog Togs & Facemasks - Trish Prime

All funds raised at this event will go towards Christmas lights for our downtown core.





Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve

Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Happy Holidays to us! New Roads, New Bike Park and New Agriculture & Active Transportation Plans!

Roads: A huge thank you to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) for prioritizing improvements to roads in Area A and the Fruitvale area! Selkirk Paving provided 113 lane kilometres of new asphalt; about \$7.5M. Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) provided paving and re-surfacing to more than 10 kilometres of rural roads. The improvements have given the area a clean, polished new look. Well done crews!

Bike Park: One of many requests last year from the community was for a bike pump park for youth. The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee was pleased to reach a long term lease agreement with Scouts Canada to secure the new park location amongst the trees at Lower Mazzochi. Once the 2022 budgets are approved, the area around the bike park will be remediated, including placement of benches.

Agriculture Plan: Area A contributed \$5K towards the Gas Tax Fund (now called Canada Community-Building Fund or CCBF) which helped to secure grants from Investment Agriculture Foundation, as well as the Columbia Basin Trust. The grants support the development of an Agricultural Strategy for communities in the South Kootenay Region (RDKB). The strategies are intended to strengthen the food and agriculture sector. That means identifying existing agricultural resources, protecting and growing agricultural lands within the region, developing recommendations for local governments, and ensuring that agriculture and food harvesting contribute to long-term environmental, social and economic benefits.

A quote from the Financial Post caught my attention: "Recent B.C. storms remind us that our food supply system leaves us 'nine meals from anarchy'". What a reality check, right?! We already know that we rely too much on food imports, yet are slow to react. It is time to focus on a solid Agriculture Plan. Buy local produce as a first step, and maybe consider buying a green house and building a cold storage room as your Christmas gift to your family this year - that would be a gift of true love!

Active Transportation Corridors: Area A also provided \$10K towards CCBF that will support the creation of a transportation network plan for the Kootenay side of the RDKB. The plan would build on the work that has been started by the South Kootenay Green Link/Active Transportation Working Group. The objective is to create a green link between Rossland and Fruitvale and to provide connectivity to the major employers, schools, shopping and service areas. The green link will provide a healthy, low carbon alternative to automobiles for commuters, recreational users, students, and anyone else doing errands and visitors to the region.

Gratitude This summer was dominated by the "heat dome" while this fall delivered "atmospheric rivers". Thanks go to the District of Hope for looking after hundreds of stranded travellers. Thank you to the local owner of a small plane who was able to rescue a couple of our locals. Thank you to the farmers helping farmers, and to all those who helped in any way. We are true, north and strong, as community care and spirit was demonstrated in response to this disaster.

**May your Holiday Season sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill.
May the year ahead be full of contentment and joy!**



Mayor Steve Morissette

For all of us, including the Village, 2021 was a year of challenges, the Heat dome, the atmospheric river, the continuing pandemic, first time for stage IV water restrictions in the valley, but we are resilient and we met the challenges.

Through the challenges there have also been numerous steps forward and successes to celebrate in 2021 such as;

- BC Housing approval of a 31 unit housing complex on the former Middle School Site. Survey of Phase 1 of the middle school site.
- Application has been submitted for a 37 space childcare center on the Middle School Site, we will hear the outcome in February.
- Hired a consultant to explore the viability and options for using a portion of the Middle School structure for housing.
- Successful application for an active transportation (active transportation includes scooters, walking, cycling, and mobility aid) grant to build a plan for safe active transportation between amenities within Fruitvale and connect to the proposed regional trail between Rossland and Fruitvale (the Green Link).
- Fruitvale is an active member of the South Kootenay Active Transportation Group, we are currently working on the Green Link, a safe commuter/recreation/tourism link between Rossland and Fruitvale.
- We became the 10th West Kootenay Community to commit to 100% renewable energy by 2050 and are currently starting to build our plan to get there, as well as creating synergies and a friendship with Creston who is the 11th Community to commit.
- We became the first interior municipality to become a certified living wage employer.
- CBT funding supported the purchase of land alongside Beaver Creek between the RV Park and the BC Liquor Store.
- Completed a new Community Garden with a Harvest Hut.
- Successful grant application and resultant hiring of a consultant to guide us through an economic development/re-branding exercise for Fruitvale.
- Paving program included re-paving a couple of important arteries within the Village in Columbia Gardens Road from Tamarac Ave through Downtown, as well as Pine Ave which is the primary access to two of our busiest recreation amenities, the Curling Rink and BV Arena.
- Working with our great partners in BV Recreation, ATCO Wood Products, and Columbia Basin Trust. BV Recreation is heading the build of the Replica Train Station on the tracks at Railway Park, as well as moving the Historic Park School into Railway Park to make it more accessible. Also, with a dynamic BV Recreation we were able to complete a bike pump park below the soccer pitches at Mazzochi Park.

Next year we will be focusing on moving all of these projects forward with priority on the Middle School Property development. We are thankful for all the partnerships we have been able to forge this year, for all the wonderful volunteers we have in our Valley, and our staff who are all critical to building a sustainable, healthy, future in our Valley.

Mayor & Council wish everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

DID YOU KNOW...

In preparation for the upcoming snow removal season, residents are asked to remove all recreational vehicles, basketball hoops, construction material, etc. from boulevards

Residents are reminded that during the winter months snow is plowed onto the Village boulevard. Residents are required to find off-street parking during the winter months. Anyone parked on the boulevard may be blocked.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held via Zoom Video Conference

Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 8
1:00 pm

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 4:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693>

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693

and in person at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

Regular Council - December 6, 2021
Committee of the Whole - December 20, 2021

Village of Fruitvale Garbage & Recycling Dates

DECEMBER 2021

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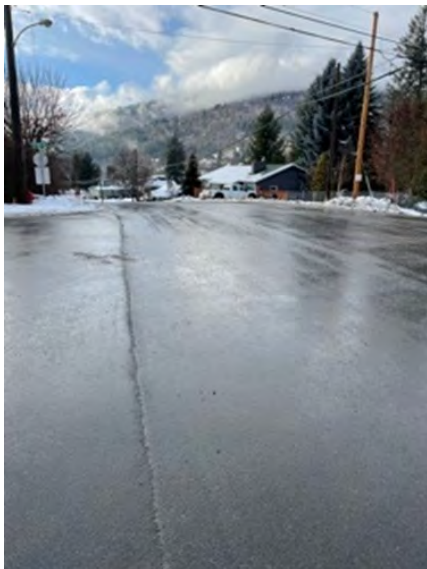
LEGEND

- South Side Garbage
- North Side Garbage
- South Side Recycling
- North Side Recycling

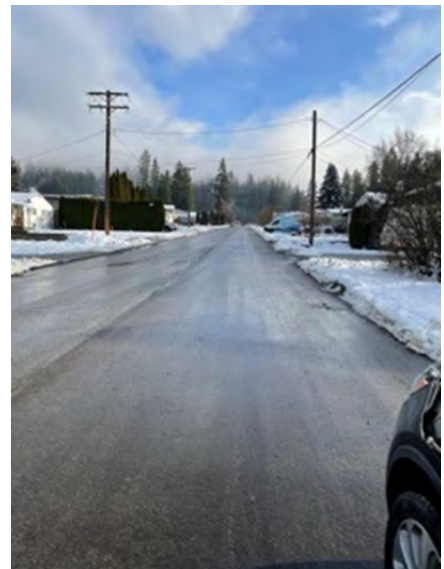
Please keep household garbage and recycling in a secure location until the morning of garbage day and recycling day.

JANUARY 2022

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NEW PAVEMENT
Columbia Gardens
Road
&
Pine Avenue



Christmas Season Office Closure

The Village of Fruitvale Office will be closed for the Christmas Season from Monday, December 27th to Friday December 31, 2021. The office will reopen Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 8:30 am.

The Village of Fruitvale Public Works Department will be closed Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27th, Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd.

For Village of Fruitvale and/or Beaver Valley Water System emergencies please call 250-367-6162.

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 12. 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.

A HUGE THANKS TO...

The Fruitvale Volunteer Firefighters for hauling all the wood and looking after this years Candy Cane Lane Bonfire. Also for being Santa's sleigh and ensuring Santa arrives on time. It's organizations like yours that make our community a wonderful place we love to call home.

2022 DOG TAGS (licenses)

The 2022 dog tags (licenses) will be available for purchase on **January 3, 2022**.

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 Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922 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, 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.



Ryder Pavilion



Spirit of Family - at night

Staying Active in the Beaver Valley



Mr. McAlpine



BVYAN 'SKI RED'

Christmas Eve Skate

On December 24 from 11:30am - 2pm 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.

The BV Nitehawks will have the concession open with hot chocolate and lots of goodies to buy. Unfortunately Santa will not be able to make an appearance this year.

This event will follow Provincial guidelines and anyone aged 12+ will need to show their vaccine card at the door.

Christmas Holiday Public Skating Schedule:
Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3 is 12:30-2pm. 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!

Beaver Valley Recreation has a new Facebook page. Please like and follow to receive more information on programs, public skating and events. To find us on the web, please go to www.rdkb.com and click on "Recreation & Culture".

Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

The 'Ski Red' program starts as soon as the snow flies and Red Mountain opens. If you are interested in the program and want more information or would like to register, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com. Don't forget to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Action Network to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

Movie Night

Dec. 10, 2021 @ Royal Theatre
BV Youth Ages 12-18
3:00—5:30
Movie TBA

How do you stay active in the Beaver Valley? Send us your photos showing how you stay active in the Beaver Valley to showcase in our upcoming newsletters. Send your photos to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca



Temporary Changes to Recycling

Due to highway closures from flooding, there are temporary changes to recycling in the RDKB.

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary wants residents to know about temporary changes to recycling while transportation routes are closed or slowed due to the recent extreme rainfall and damage to highways.

In the municipalities of Fruitvale, Montrose, Trail, Warfield, and Rosland and portions of Electoral Areas A and B/Lower Columbia, RecycleBC Curbside (Blue Box) Programs will no longer accept segregated glass as of Monday, November 22, 2021. Containers and fibre products will continue to be collected.

The RecyclingBC Depot Program at McKelvey Creek Landfill will no longer accept foam, glass and plastic bags and overwrap, and other flexible plastic packaging - any materials that are normally collected in mega bags or liners. Containers and fibre/cardboard will continue to be accepted.

For more information about recycling in your neighbourhood visit:

- <https://recyclebc.ca/where-to-recycle/home-recycling-collection/>
- <https://gflenv.com/find-my-branch/>

Residents are asked to store any recyclables not currently accepted, until further notice. The RDKB will update the public as soon as more information is available about highway openings and resumption of transportation of recyclable materials.

The RDKB thanks residents for patience and understanding.

202 – 843 Rosland Avenue, Trail, BC V1R 4S8 | T: 250.368.9148 | T/F: 1.800.355.7352 | rdkb.com



This holiday season... shop local!

Where you shop makes a difference!

When you shop locally, you support your neighbours and your community.

So if you're shopping for a gift, a service or food for a feast, please support the businesses that support us!



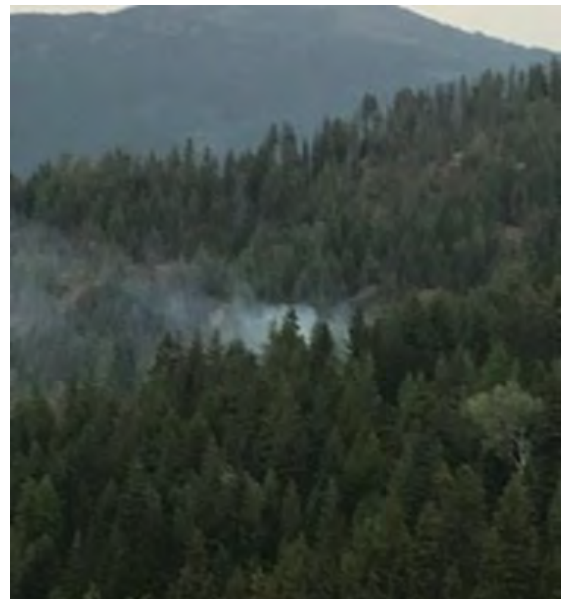
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HARVEST HUT & GARDEN



Summer fire, Thanks to the Fire Bomber that stopped this in its tracks to keep us safe.





BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2021 AGE FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

Tuesday Take-Away Christmas Lunch

The next Tuesday Take-Away Lunch is on **Tuesday, December 21, 2021**. Please register with the Village of Fruitvale Office on or before December 15, 2021 by telephone at 250-367-7551 or email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca with the name(s) of who the lunch is for, the municipality where you reside and your phone number. Lunches must be picked up between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm at the front door of the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Please ensure a mask is worn when picking up lunches. If you need to cancel your lunch, please call Vickie at 250-512-9379.

BV Age Friendly Fundraising Draw

Local artist Alan LaRocque has generously donated two of his original paintings to the Village of Fruitvale to support the Beaver Valley Age Friendly program. BV Age Friendly will be having a draw for the paintings. Tickets for the draw are by donation and will be available at our booth during the Candy Cane Lane Christmas Market on December 4. All donations will go towards future Age Friendly programming.



Connecting Generations Thru Letter Links Program

Beaver Valley Age Friendly kicked off their *Connecting Generations Thru Letter Links* program in November. Keep an eye on your mailbox



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