



# FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS

*June 2019*

*Keeping the Community Informed*

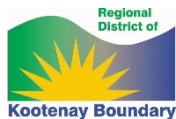
## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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## Community News & Events

### BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK

#### The Beaver Valley Food Bank needs help!

Due to the upcoming closure of the United/Anglican Church, the Beaver Valley Food bank will close at the end of June, unless a new venue can be found.

The Beaver Valley Food Bank is in **desperate need** of a new location at minimal or no cost. The new location will be used to store food and distribute the hampers. This is a critical community service - we would hate to lose it. Can you help? If you have any ideas or know of anyone who may have some extra space that can be utilized by the Beaver Valley Food Bank please call Melva at 250-367-6481. Any ideas are welcomed and will be considered. Please help us keep the food bank in operation!

### SPIRIT EXPRESS TRAIN RIDES

A special thank you to Scott & Rebecca Weatherford from Nelson & Fort Shephard Railway Corp (Atco Wood Products) for sponsoring the Spring Spirit Express train rides to Beaver Falls and back. This extremely popular event is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and brings people to town to enjoy all the events held at the Beaver Valley May Days.

Thanks to the generosity shown by the public for train tickets, \$1,215.45 was raised and donated to the Beaver Valley Food Bank! Our community is the best!

### BEAVER VALLEY MAY DAYS

We hope you all had fun at the 2019 Beaver Valley May Days! A little rain never stops Beaver Valley residents from having fun!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the 2019 Beaver Valley May Days a great success! Thank you to the BV May Days Committee members, and the many others who went above and beyond to make it a great community event. It would not have been a successful event without the help of all the volunteers!! Finally, a huge thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the fun and make 2019 BV May Days a successful weekend. See you next year!

A detailed list of volunteers and pictures from the fun-filled weekend can be found at [www.beavervalleymaydays.com](http://www.beavervalleymaydays.com)

The Friends of the Beaver Valley Library want to thank all those who donated baking and attended the May Days Senior Tea on Friday, May 24. Over 70 seniors were in attendance to kick off the events of Beaver Valley May Days.

### BEAVER VALLEY ADVENTURE PICNIC

The BV Adventure Picnic, for children ages 0-5 yrs, will take place on **Monday, June 10** from 10:00am - 12:30pm at the Beaver Valley Arena. The Beaver Valley Library, Beaver Valley Recreation Department, CBAL and other sponsor's will be arranging a fun morning of games, crafts, information and lunch for preschoolers. Parent participation is required. Lunch (hot dog, juice & cookies) will be provided for everyone. For more information call Carly at 250-367-7114.

### BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

June events for the Beaver Valley Youth Club are as follows:

**Sunday June 8** - Leadership #6 and Graduation 6:00pm - 7:30pm @ Fruitvale Memorial Hall.

**Friday, June 21** - To be announced

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS



**BV Adventure Picnic**  
**Monday June 10**  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
@ BV Arena



**CANADA DAY**  
**Monday, July 1st**  
@ Kiwanis/Beaver  
Creek Park



*School District No. 20  
schools will be closed for  
summer vacation from  
June 27 to September 3.  
Please take extra care  
and watch for children  
on the roads.  
Have a safe summer!*

Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook (Beaver Valley Youth Club) for the special events happening over the summer. You're sure to have fun! Contact Tammy at [beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com) for more information on all BV Youth Club events.

### BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

#### Mother Goose

April 4 – June 6  
10:00am – 11:00am

#### Preschool Class:

April 10 – June 5  
10:00am – 11:00am

#### Afterschool Hour:

April 11 – June 6  
2:30pm - 3:30pm

**History Comes Alive as Live History Pays a Visit to the Beaver Valley Public Library**, by Jeremy Jaqusch.

**Who:** Live History, A Governor General's Award nominated international touring theatre company who produces site specific customizable mysteries around the world

**What:** Circa, Interactive escape room theatre event

**Where:** Beaver Valley Public Library, 1847 1<sup>st</sup> Street Fruitvale

**When:** Friday – June 21, 2019 at 7:00pm

**Intended Audience:** Designed for Adults

**Admission:** Free

**Summer Reading Club** – contact the Library later this month for more information on the Summer Reading Club, 250-367-7114.

### BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

For more information or to register for any of the below BV Rec Programs, please call the BV Arena at 250-367-9319.

**Morning Zen** – Mondays, 9:30-10:30am, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall

**Power Yoga** – Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall

**Restorative Massage Yoga** – Mondays, 7:15-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall

**Vinyasa Flow Yoga** – Fridays, 9:30-10:30am, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall, (no class June 8)

**Gentle Hatha Yoga** – Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall, (no class June 9)

**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, (no class June 7)

**Box Kick Strength** - Sundays, 9:30-10:30am, \$52.50 for 6 classes, Tae Kwon Do Gym, (no class June 3)

**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

**Kids Soccer** – Tuesdays, May 29 – June 26, 4 – 4:30pm or 4:30 – 5pm, \$25, Ages 3-4, Haines Park

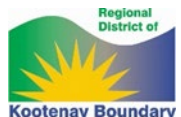
**T-ball** – Thursdays, May 10 – June 14, 4 – 4:45pm, \$30, Ages 4-6, Haines Park

**Boating Basics** – Sunday, June 10, 9am – 4:30pm, \$60 for one person with a manual and \$40 for second family member without a manual, Montrose Hall.

### BEAVER VALLEY SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM

**BV Summer Parks Program** is for children aged 6 -11 and **BV Jr. Summer Parks Program** is for children aged 4-6. Both camps will run from July 3 – August 10 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Come join our park leaders for a variety of fun filled activities (games, crafts, sports, special events). Cost is **FREE** for Beaver Valley residents. Pre-registration is not required for ages 6-11 but **is required** for the Junior Camp by calling Kelly at 250-367-9319. Registration will be taken on a weekly basis, so please call at the beginning of the week to register for the following week (start calling June 25 to register for first week). More detailed information will be sent home by a pamphlet at Fruitvale Elementary and BV Nursery School by mid-June.

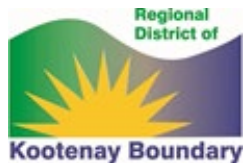
## Regional District of Kootenay Boundary News



### BV RECREATION SURVEY

Be sure to check your mailboxes for the BV Recreation Survey and [jointheconversation.rdkb.com](http://jointheconversation.rdkb.com) to participate! Paper surveys can be dropped off at the Village of Fruitvale or the Village of Montrose Offices.

## UPCOMING REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY MEETINGS



### **BV Recreation Committee**

Tuesday, June 11  
4:30 pm  
Montrose Village Office

### **Board of Directors**

Wednesday, June 12  
6:00 pm  
RDKB Trail Boardroom

### **East End Services Committee**

Tuesday, June 18  
3:30 pm  
RDKB Trail Boardroom

### **Electoral Area Services Committee**

Thursday, June 13  
4:30 pm  
RDKB Grand Forks  
Boardroom

### **Board of Directors**

Thursday, June 27  
6:00 pm  
RDKB Trail Boardroom

## **BEAVER CREEK PARK APPRECIATION DAY & GRAND OPENING OF THE FIRST NATIONS ARBOUR**

Watch the local media and [rdkb.com](http://rdkb.com) for more information on the Beaver Creek Park Appreciation and Grand Opening of the First Nations Arbour which will take place sometime in October.

### **MARSH CREEK DISC GOLF**

The Marsh Creek Disc Golf Course at the Beaver Valley Family Park is now open! If you haven't given disc golf a try, now's your chance. The Beaver Valley Arena has a selection of PDGA discs ranging from putters to drivers to mid-range designs. In addition, you can purchase a 3-disc set to get you started and a gear bag to carry all your discs. The arena is open Monday to Friday from 8:00am - 4:00 pm.

### **BEAVER VALLEY FAMILY PARK**

Beaver Valley Family Park is a great place to hold your family or group picnic, reunions and social gatherings. There is a covered picnic shelter, kitchen facility, a playground, 1 km hiking trail, 18-hole Disc Golf, horseshoe pit, open field for sports, volleyball and basketball courts and a 40'x40' cement pad great for dancing. There are 22 trailer and tent sites available (some with water & electricity) and showers with wheelchair access. If you are interested in booking the day use area or a camping site, please call the BV Recreation office at 250-367-9319. The Park is open June 1 to September 3.

### **GRANTS-IN-AID TO LOCAL GROUPS/PROJECTS**

RKDB Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve approved the following Grants-in-Aid:

- \$500 to BV Seniors Branch #44 for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
- \$1,250 to the Beaver Valley Thrift Shop to replace lights

### **RDKB STATUTORY HOLIDAYS CLOSURE**

***The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Office will be closed Monday, July 1 in observance of the Canada Day statutory holiday and Monday August 5 in observance of the BC Day statutory holiday.***

## ***Village of Fruitvale News***

### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Spring continues to be busy for the Village. In May, Council approved a budget for the coming year. Our significant budget challenge was raising enough funds to cover increasing costs from various items such as fuel and new employer premiums for BC Medical while keeping taxation increases as low as possible. This is a trying time for council as we are sensitive that there are many within our community that can ill afford tax increases.

You may have heard that our Anglican/United Church is closing effective the end of June. Council is trying to help find a solution for the many groups that use the church as a meeting space. One of the key user groups is the Beaver Valley Food Bank. The volunteers work hard to provide monthly food hampers to upwards of 40 homes in the Valley. We are optimistic that a solution can be found to house all the displaced groups.

On May 21, Council joined with other BC Municipalities to plant a maple tree in Railway Park as part of Local Government Awareness Week to recognize and thank our Fruitvale Municipal staff for the work they do for us all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a big Fruitvale welcome to four new businesses in town: Ruala Café, located in front of Lordco Parts at the west entrance to town, where they offer a variety of food and drinks in a beautiful artistic atmosphere; Isabella's Cantina, located in the freshly renovated restaurant of the Villager's Inn, with delicious authentic Mexican food; Rossland Collision - Fruitvale, owned by Fruitvale born & raised Brian Deadmarsh, located in the former Kootenay Autobody and Collision building; and Beaver Street House, an Air B and B located on the corner of Beaver Street and Kootenay Avenue. We are so happy to have these new businesses in town and wish them the best of luck in their new ventures. Thank you for choosing Fruitvale. To Frank Lamb, owner of Kootenay Autobody and Collision, thank you for your many years of service to the Beaver Valley - we wish you a long and happy retirement!

A huge thank you and congratulations to the BV May Days Committee on another successful, fun-filled weekend! From the fireworks to the parade, slow pitch and little league tournaments, a stellar line up on the music stage and the presentation of the 2019 Beaver Valley Citizens of the Year, the Past and Present Members of the Fruitvale Firefighters Society - thank you for all your hard work!

## UPCOMING VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE COUNCIL MEETINGS



### Village Council Council Meeting

Monday, June 10  
@ 6:00 pm

Monday, July 8  
@ 6:00 pm

Monday, August 12  
if required  
@ 6:00 pm

### Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 24  
@ 4:00 pm

Monday, July 22  
if Required  
@ 4:00 pm

**Above meetings held  
in Council Chambers**

The Councillor spotlight this month is on Bert Kniss. Bert has been a fixture on council for several terms and brings a wealth of experience to the table. Bert currently sits on this region's Affordable Housing Committee and the Village Personnel and Finance Committees. And yes, it was Bert who sourced out new parts for the beautiful Village clock on Main Street and had it repaired recently. Bert is a musician and his personal interests are in building the Village's arts and culture experience.

The last **Mayor's Coffee** before summer will be at **10:00 am on Tuesday June 18 at Ruala Café**. Feel free to stop by to ask a question, make a suggestion, or just to chat.

### PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax notices have been mailed out. If you have not received your tax notice, please contact the Village Office at 250-367-7551.

**REMEMBER: If you are eligible for the Provincial Homeowner Grant, you must apply for it ON OR BEFORE July 2 to avoid a 10% penalty.** The form is located at the bottom of your tax notice; fill it out and mail it or bring it to the Village Office. Payment of property taxes is not required to apply for your grant. **You must still apply for your Homeowner Grant if:**

- Your financial institution pays your property taxes on your behalf;
- You pay your property taxes by internet banking; or
- You are on the Village's prepayment plan.

Cash, cheque (including post-dated), debit, and internet banking are the accepted forms of payment. **(If using debit, please confirm the daily limit on your card with your financial institution.)**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:** The Village of Fruitvale **DOES NOT** accept credit cards for utility and tax payments at the Village Office, however there is an online option for those residents wishing to use a credit card called PayTM Canada.

Register at <https://www.paytm.ca/> or download the **paytm** app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, link your credit card, search for "Fruitvale Village of Property Taxes and/or Fruitvale Village of Utilities from the list of payees, enter the property tax account number (last 8 digits without the decimal of the roll number listed at the top of your tax notice), name, and the amount of payment, review the details and proceed to checkout. Please ensure you allow 5 days for the payment to be received by the Village. There is no cost to either parties to use this method of payment.

All unpaid property taxes, including outstanding homeowner grants, will be assessed a 10% penalty on July 3.

### FLOWERING FRUITVALE

The Flowering Fruitvale flower basket campaign, which helps with the costs incurred for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the downtown hanging flower baskets, is underway again this year. Your donations help sponsor a beautiful flower-filled basket, supplied by Nipkow Greenhouse.

Donations of \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 can be made in recognition or in memory of a special person, or an event such as a birth, anniversary, or birthday and will be acknowledged on the Village website and on the board at the Village Office. We will also send an acknowledgement card to the person of your choice to advise that a donation has been made in their honour. Donations of any value are welcomed and greatly appreciated however only those donations of \$25 or more will be recognized on the board. **All donations over \$20.00 will receive a Charitable tax receipt.**

The Village of Fruitvale hangs approximately 50 baskets each summer. If you are interested in sponsoring a basket, please visit the Village Office to make your donation and take pride in "**FLOWERING FRUITVALE**".

### UNTIDY PREMISES:

The Village Office has received some complaints regarding properties in contravention of the 'Property Standards Bylaw' by having piles of debris such as construction material, garbage, tree-clippings and/or yard waste, lawns not being maintained, noxious weeds growing, etc. Not only is the accumulation of these items unsightly and in contravention of the Village bylaw, it is a fire hazard to you and your neighbours. We ask that owners who have property in contravention of the bylaw remove the debris and keep the property maintained to the standards required. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer will start issuing warning notices to properties with an accumulation of debris, noxious weeds and/or yards not being maintained. Please take the necessary steps to



clean up and maintain your property otherwise the Village will enforce the bylaw to have it cleaned up at the owner's expense.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION FREQUENCY CHANGE**

Village of Fruitvale residents are reminded that garbage collection is now weekly until October. Please ensure garbage is not placed at the curb until 7:00 am on your garbage day. This will help keep the bears from tearing into it and dragging garbage all over the Village. Your garbage should be kept in a garbage can with the lid tightly secured and kept in a secured shed or garage until the morning of garbage day to avoid attracting bears. Visit <https://wildsafebc.com/black-bear/> for more helpful hints on how to be bear aware. We all must do our part! There is no change to recycling collection schedule.

#### **JUNE 2019**

| Sun      | Mon | Tue                   | Wed                   | Thu                     | Fri                     | Sat |
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| 16       | 17  | 18 South Side Garbage | 19 North Side Garbage | 20 South Side Recycling | 21 North Side Recycling | 22  |
| 23<br>30 | 24  | 25 South Side Garbage | 26 North Side Garbage | 27                      | 28                      | 29  |

#### **JULY 2019**

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| 21  | 22           | 23 South Side Garbage | 24 North Side Garbage | 25                      | 26                      | 27  |
| 28  | 29           | 30 South Side Garbage | 31 North Side Garbage |                         |                         |     |

#### **AUGUST 2019**

| Sun | Mon      | Tue                   | Wed                   | Thu                     | Fri                     | Sat |
|-----|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
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| 4   | 5 BC DAY | 6 South Side Garbage  | 7 North Side Garbage  | 8                       | 9                       | 10  |
| 11  | 12       | 13 South Side Garbage | 14 North Side Garbage | 15 South Side Recycling | 16 North Side Recycling | 17  |
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| 25  | 26       | 27 South Side Garbage | 28 North Side Garbage | 29 South Side Recycling | 30 North Side Recycling | 31  |

### **NOXIOUS WEEDS:**

We ask that if you have noxious weeds growing that you take steps to get rid of them. This will help keep both your yard and your neighbours' free from weeds.

We also ask that if you own an empty lot that you take steps to keep the lot weed-free and mowed/trimmed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



## BEAVER VALLEY WATER REGULATIONS/RESTRICTIONS

**Level 1 water regulations, listed below, are in effect for the Beaver Valley Water System until further notice:**

- Odd numbered houses water on odd numbered days
- Even numbered houses water on even numbered days
- Only one sprinkler per household
- Sprinkling times are restricted to the following hours:
  - ◊ 7:00 am - 10:00 am      ◊ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Underground sprinklers are to be set to water between:
  - ◊ 1:00 am - 6:00 am for 20-minute intervals per zone
- Ensure water stays on your lawn and garden and does not run down your driveway or onto the street
- Please refrain from sprinkling when it is raining.

For those users with underground sprinkler systems, please do not use an above ground sprinkler in conjunction with an underground sprinkler system; it's one or the other. Thank you for your cooperation.

## BURNING REGULATIONS

**Village of Fruitvale residents** are reminded that open burning in the Village is prohibited throughout the year. Only .5 metre x .5 metre backyard campfires are allowed and use only dry seasoned firewood. Please have a water hose readily available. Extinguish your fire when left unattended.

Currently in the Southeast Fire District there are no burning restrictions in place for campfires or Category 2 and Category 3 open fires. It is important to exercise caution when you are outdoors, not only when enjoying a campfire or off-roading in the backcountry, but also in using tools and handling, storing and disposing of materials and fuels.

Prevention means stopping wildfires before they start. Discarded cigarette butts, campfires, hot exhaust pipes coming in contact with dry grass and vegetation, power tools (such as chainsaws), Tiki torches and even discarded glass can all ignite a wildfire. The conditions in the Southeast Fire Area are dry so we all must do our part to prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.

For more information on BC wildfires and regulations please visit <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/wildfire-management/prevention/outdoor-recreationalist>

**PreparedBC** is a public awareness campaign that provides practical guidelines for emergency preparedness and planning for all households should the unthinkable happen. For more information, visit the PreparedBC website at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

If you see smoke, flames or an open fire violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 immediately.

## OFFICE AND PUBLIC WORKS CLOSURE



**The Village of Fruitvale Office and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, July 1 in observance of the Canada Day**



**statutory holiday and Monday August 5 in observance of the BC Day statutory holiday.**

**For Public Works or Beaver Valley Water Service emergencies needing immediate attention, please call 250-367-6162 for our emergency answering service.**

The Fruitvale & Area A News will not be published for the months of July and August.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!





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## Last Month in Pictures

To mark its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Local Government Management Association of BC, in partnership with BC Hydro's Community Regreening Program, provided all local governments in BC with a tree to plant to recognize the dedication, hard work, and innovation by local government professionals during Local Government Awareness Week.



On May 21, Village Council members and staff planted our tree in Railway Park. This tree, as it grows, will provide shade to residents sitting on the benches. A recognition plaque will hang from the tree.

The public was invited to the Tree Planting Ceremony, and light refreshments were served.

Council members were given a tour of the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater (sewer) Treatment Plant and shown how these plants operate.



Sewer Treatment Plant



Water Treatment Plant



Sewer Treatment Plant



BV May Days  
legendary Kiddie Cars



Parade



2019 Citizens of the Year  
Past & Present Members  
Fruitvale Firefighters Society





# Village of Fruitvale

## Utilities, Taxes & Home Owner Grants

### Frequently Asked Questions


#### In-person

Pay with cash, debit, or a cheque at the Village Office, 1947 Beaver Street. The Village does not accept payment by credit card. After office hours, deposit payment and/or HOG in the mail slot at the front door.

#### Online Banking

Set up Fruitvale Village of Taxes' and/or 'Fruitvale Village of Utilities' as a payee with your bank. Use your Roll Number found on the top right corner your notice as your account number.

#### Credit Card Payments

1. Download  app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store,
2. Search for "Fruitvale Village of Property Taxes and/or Fruitvale Village of Utilities from the list of payees.
3. Enter the property tax account number (last 8 digits without the decimal of the roll number listed at the top of your tax notice), name, and the amount of payment,
4. Review the details and proceed to checkout.

Please ensure you allow 5 days for the payment to be received by the Village.

#### Mail

##### Send cheques to:

Village of Fruitvale  
Box 370  
Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0

#### Preauthorized Payment Plan

Contact the Village Office for information or to register for the Prepayment Plan.

#### Can I prepay my Utilities and Property Taxes?

Yes. Home owners can make payments to their utility and tax accounts at any time.

The Village also has a Preauthorized Prepayment Plan that home owners can take advantage of to pay their property taxes and/or utilities over the course of 12 months. This is a prepayment plan for the next year's utilities and taxes, therefore all current taxes and utilities must be paid prior to starting the prepayment plan. Utilities and Taxes are split into 12 equal payments and withdrawn from your bank account on the 4th of every month.

#### My Property Taxes are in Arrears, can I pay them in installments?

Yes; however, the Village does not have a prepayment plan for arrears and/or delinquent taxes. Home owners can set up recurring payments through their online banking or can make payments in person at the Village Office at any time.

#### Do I Qualify for a Home Owner Grant? If so, how do I claim it?

To qualify for the Home Owner Grant, you must live in your home and it must be your principal residence. To claim the HOG, complete the lower portion of your tax notice and return it to the Village Office prior to the property tax due date. Home Owner Grants cannot be applied for online.

#### Do I still have to apply for the Home Owner Grant if I am not paying the Property Taxes before the due date?

Yes. You need to apply for the HOG before the property tax due date to avoid any penalties.

#### My financial institution pays my Property Taxes, do I still have to apply for the Home Owner Grant?

Yes. You must apply for the Home Owner Grant if your financial institution pays your Property Taxes on your behalf before the property tax due date.

#### I forgot to apply for my Home Owner Grant last year, can I still apply for it?

Yes, you can apply for last year's grant retroactively if you qualified for the grant on December 31st of last year and you are still the registered owner. If the property taxes for last year have been paid, you must have been the one who paid those taxes.

#### Still have questions?

Contact the Village Office at [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) or call 250-367-7551 if you have any other questions about utilities and property taxes.