



FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS

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Keeping the Community Informed

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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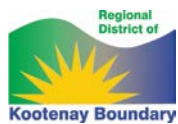
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BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2018



Nominations are being accepted for the 2018 Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms may be picked up at the Village Offices in Fruitvale and Montrose. Completed forms may be returned to either office. **Deadline for nominations is April 10th.**

EARTH HOUR 2018

LIGHTS OUT FOR EARTH HOUR – the Village of Fruitvale is supporting and encouraging residents to turn off their lights and participate in **Earth Hour** on **Saturday, March 24th** from 8:30 to 9:30pm. Switching off your lights is just one simple action that you can take to help make a difference and it sends a powerful message that we care about our planet.



In 2018 it's expected that millions of people from more than 135 countries will turn their lights off for Earth Hour. For more information on Earth Hour, visit <https://www.earthhour.org/celebrating-earth-hour>

FRUITVALE FIRE FIGHTERS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Fruitvale Fire Fighters Non-Profit Society is hosting the 9th annual Beaver Valley Easter Egg Hunt at Haines Park on **Friday March 30th** at **11:00 am**. There will be over **8,000** eggs covering the field for three different age categories: 0-3, 4-7, and 8-12. There will be allergy-friendly chocolate eggs for hunters to exchange their gathered eggs for peanut-free chocolate and treats at one of the fire trucks.

Be sure to check out the Fruitvale Fire Fighters Society Facebook group page for more details and information about.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP)

CVITP volunteers are available every Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00am at the Beaver Valley Manor from March 1 to April 26. Volunteers from this program assist **ELIGIBLE** taxpayers who have low income and simple tax situations to prepare their income tax and benefit return. **ELIGIBLE** taxpayers may include low-income individuals and social assistance recipients, newcomers to Canada, seniors and students.

Eligibility for low-income is determined as follows: Single - up to \$30,000; Couple - up to \$40,000, plus \$2,500 for each child; Single Parent with one child - up to \$35,000, plus \$2,500 for each additional child.

Situations that volunteers may NOT assist with include returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses; or individuals with greater than \$1,000 investment income.

For more information, contact Stan @ 250-364-2808 or stngrwd@gmail.com

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

BEAVER VALLEY COFFEE HOUSE



Sunday March 4
7:00 pm
Montrose Hall

MONTROSE CARD CLUB



Monday March 5 & 19
7:00 pm
Montrose Hall

FRUITVALE COMMUNITY CHEST AGM



Thursday March 8
7:00 pm
Fruitvale Memorial Hall

BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB



Beaver Valley Youth Club will be hosting a Youth Bowling Night on Friday, March 7, 2018 at the Beaver Valley Bowling Lanes from 7:00-9:00pm. At this time, this is the only scheduled event for this month due to spring break. **Please register with Tammy at beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com if you plan to attend.**

Are you interested in being part of the Beaver Valley Youth Club but don't know how to join? It's easy! Check out our [Facebook](#) page at [Beaver Valley Youth Club](#) and email Tammy Gallamore, BV Youth Club Co-ordinator at beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com There are a number of fun activities as well as volunteer and learning opportunities for youth aged 12-18 – Come join us!

BV LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION



BV Little League Baseball is always looking for players (boys and girls) and volunteers for the 2018 season for T-Ball up to Major Leagues, ages 5-12 years old. Early bird registration ends April 1st. To register call or text Andrea Buckland, 250-512-7418, or for more information on the league, call Jay Startup, 250-364-3800.

BEAVER VALLEY SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Beaver Valley Softball registration is open to players, ages 7-19 years old. Deadline to register is March 31. There is no late registration. For more information or to register contact Rebecca at 250-367-0064.



BEAVER VALLEY COFFEE HOUSE

The next Beaver Valley Coffee House on March 4, 2018 will have the following entertainers for your listening pleasure:

Frank Brooke, Fletsch and Ellen Ferguson, Peter Pii, Sometimes 7, & Dan Perault. Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:00pm at the Montrose Community Hall.

FRUITVALE COMMUNITY CHEST

The Fruitvale Community Chest will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Fruitvale Memorial Hall.

The Bylaws were originally written in 1946 and the last amendment was in 1982. Some revisions to the Bylaws will be presented at the AGM to reflect current requirements.

If you have donated to the Fruitvale Community Chest you are a member; if you want to become a member, you can make a donation at the meeting. Hope to see you at the meeting.

FRUITVALE BLOOMING SOCIETY

The Fruitvale Blooming Society is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00pm at the Beaver Valley Curling Rink. There will be a vote on Bylaw changes in accordance with the new BC Society regulations. New members are always welcome. We hope to see you there!

BEAVER VALLEY SKATING CLUB - 2018 SPRING SKATING SCHOOL

The Beaver Valley Skating Club is accepting registrations for the 2018 Spring School skating session April 3 – May 3, 2018. Registration deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018.

Canskate & Canskate Enrichment – Star 3 - Monday & Wednesday 3:15-4:00pm

(Group Instruction)

STARSkate - Monday through Friday - Star 1-4 from 3:45 - 5:45pm; Star 5 & up from 6:00 - 8:00pm

For more information, please call Robyn Batch 250-367-9567 or Mandy Paulsen 250-231-5775.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**FRUITVALE
BLOOMING SOCIETY
AGM
Tuesday, March 13
7:00 pm
BV Curling Rink**

**BEAVER VALLEY AND
THE PEND D'OREILLE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Thursday, March 16**



**Montrose Village Office
Fruitvale Village Office
Credit Union in Fruitvale**

*Your
stories live here!*

1:00 pm
Beaver Valley Library
View the Beaver Valley
and Pend d'Oreille
Historical Society's
displays in the locations
listed above

BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MOTHER GOOSE

January 10 – March 14, 2018
Ages 0-3 10:00am – 11:00 am



Sign up the kids for some **Spring Break fun** at the Beaver Valley Public Library. For ages 6-12 years old.

March 19, 20, 26 & 27, 2018

10:00–11:00 am

March 21 & 28, 2018

1:00–2:00 pm

Please call the Beaver Valley Public Library at 250-367-7114 to sign up.

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

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

Gentle Hatha Yoga – Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am, \$75 for 6x punch card or \$14 drop-in, Montrose Hall

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 March 1 & 26)

Cardio Fit – Tuesdays & Thursdays, running until Mar. 29, 9:30-10:30am, \$80 for 10x punch pass or \$10 drop-in, Montrose Hall

Box Kick Strength - Sundays, starting March 11, 9:30-10:30am, \$52.50 for 6 classes, Tae Kwon Do Gym

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

Seniors' Line Dance - Fridays, running until Apr. 6 from 10:00-11:00am, \$1 drop-in, Fruitvale Hall (no class March 30)

Kids Time with Sticks and Pucks is on Sundays, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 from 6:30-7:30pm, Mar. 20, 22, 26, 28 from 3:00-4:00pm at the BV Arena. Bring your child, ages 8 and under, to the rink to get some practice with their own sticks. Nets and pucks are provided. Helmet is required and it is \$2 drop-in.

Ages 9-14 Drop-in Hockey is on Mar. 9 from 6:00-7:00pm, Mar. 15, 24, 31 from 5:15-6:15pm and Mar. 19, 21, 27, 29 from 3:00-4:00pm at the BV Arena. Full hockey gear is required. Nets and pucks are provided. \$2 drop-in at skate shop.

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

CHECK EARLY, CHECK OFTEN CENTRE

Beaver Valley Nursery School is now a Check Early Check Often Centre, providing easier access to early childhood development information for parents and caregivers in the Fruitvale and Montrose area.

The Family Action Network is thrilled to announce the unveiling of a network of 'Check Early, Check Often Centres' across the region – one of which is the Beaver Valley Nursery School. Working with existing programs and service providers, Check Early, Check Often Centres provide parents and caregivers with easy access to information, support and resources to encourage and track their children's development.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FRUITVALE FIRE FIGHTERS' SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Egg
Treasure Hunt



Friday, March 30
11:00 am
Haines Park

SPRING BREAK IS COMING!!!



The Kootenay-Columbia School District No. 20 schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 19 to April 3. Please take extra care and watch for children on the roads and sidewalks during Spring Break.

At each Check Early, Check Often Centre, there is an early childhood professional who has been trained to administer the Ages and Stages questionnaire and who can provide information about local programs and supports for any child or family who needs a little extra help. Parents and caregivers can access the Ages and Stages questionnaire at any of the seven Check Early Check Often Centres in our region, regardless of whether their children are attending a program at that site. "We want all parents with young children to check their children's development 'early and often' and particularly at the ages of 18 and 36 months." Says FAN Executive Director Christy Anderson.

Checking development is done in partnership with the parent and where possible, with a play-based approach so children can demonstrate what they are able to do. Parents become familiar with the different domain areas of healthy childhood development and are able to celebrate milestones as their child reaches them and identify and address any little bumps that the child may encounter.

Many parents in our region have participated with their children in FAN's Ages and Stages days. To date 230 children have participated in early developmental screening and just under 25% of those children have been provided with additional information, supports or activities to work on at home to encourage their development. Establishing the seven Check Early Check Often Centres provides more access to information and resources around early childhood development for parents. Families don't have to wait for our Ages and Stages clinics to check their children's development, though these annual events will still take place.

Healthy development during the early years is important as this is a time of rapid brain growth in children and sets a course for future outcomes for that child. FAN is working hard to support and empower parents and caregivers during this important period of their child's life. Additional resources available to parents at each Check Early Check Often Centre include fridge magnets and key rings with age-appropriate activities to work on at home that encourage growth and development. At any time, parents can access information on early childhood development, local programs and supports by visiting www.familyactionnetwork.ca and can sign up to receive our e-news too!

Call or visit any of the Check Early Check Often Centres today to access information and resources on your child's development.

Check Early Check Often Centres:

Rosland:

Four Winds Childcare Centre 250-362-5233
Rosland StrongStart Program 250-362-7388

Trail:

Trail FAIR Society 250-364-2326
CBAL (Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy) 250-368-6770
CCRR Office 250-364-2980

Beaver Valley:

Beaver Valley Nursery School 250-367-7887

Fruitvale:

StrongStart at Fruitvale Elementary 250-367-7541

Regional:

Circle of Indigenous Nations Society 250-231-4968
Kootenay Family Place 250-365-8448
Interior Health Public Health Nurses

2018 DOG TAGS



**Residents of Fruitvale
– Purchase tags at
the Village Office**

**Residents of Area A
Purchase at the
RDKB Office in Trail
or at the SPCA**

UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS



VILLAGE COUNCIL

Council

Monday, March 6
@ 6:30 pm

Committee of the Whole

Monday, March 20
@ 6:30 pm

**Above meetings held
in Council Chambers**

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WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE UTILITY BILLS

The 2018 water, sewer and garbage bills have been sent out and are due by March 29th in order to take advantage of the 5% discount. If you did not receive a bill, please contact the Village Office ASAP, at 250-367-7551. All packages of garbage bags are also discounted 5% if purchased before March 29th.

Accepted forms of payment are debit, cash, cheque, internet banking, and post-dated cheque. The Village of Fruitvale has a preauthorized payment plan for utilities and property taxes. For more information and details on the preauthorized payment plan, please contact the Village Office.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Now is the time to purchase your dog license (tag) if you haven't already done so. Cost is \$25 for an altered dog or \$75 for an unaltered dog.

Dog Owners: please pick up your dog's feces when outside. If you are on a walk, please use the doggie-doo stations, located at Mazzochi Park, alongside the sidewalk at the bridge on Columbia Gardens Road, at the sidewalk on Main Street, at the Columbia Gardens Road entrance to Haines Park, on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and First Street and in the Vale Park to keep our community's sidewalks and parks clean.

There is NO poop fairy!
Please pick up
after your dog.



Thank you for being responsible pet owners!

OUTDOOR RINK

We would like to send a huge thank you to Lawrence Brown and Rick Johnston for their volunteer efforts keeping the outdoor rink in perfect condition for the community's use. Unfortunately it was a short season this year; nevertheless, we would not be able to offer this outstanding outdoor rink without the volunteer hours of Lawrence and Rick!

SENIORS' GYM

Users of the Seniors' GYM in Fruitvale are advised that the GYM is closed for approximately 6-8 weeks for an expansion to the facility. During the construction period, all key cards have been deactivated. Once construction is complete all key cards will be reactivated and users can resume their exercise programs.

At this time, we would like to remind users that this is **YOUR** gym. As such, it is expected that you:

- wear clean shoes in the gym area. Do not wear your street shoes;
- sign in and sign out in the book provided;
- report any problems with the equipment and/or the facility;
- use the equipment in the manner that it is supposed to be used;
- spray down and wipe the equipment with the provided towel when done using it;
- sweep the mat under the equipment;
- take turns filling the water jug (the Village does not provide bottled water)

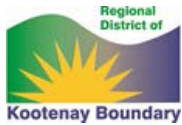
The GYM does not have a designated janitor therefore it is up to the users to keep the facility clean. Lend a hand – if you see a dirty floor, sweep it; if you see a machine that needs wiping down – wipe it. This is **YOUR** Seniors' GYM.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice any street lights not working properly, please make note of the number and/or location of the pole and what the defect is then report it to the Village Office at 250-367-7551. Staff will ascertain whether or not the pole is located within the Village of Fruitvale boundaries then report it to FortisBC.

Please note: FortisBC does not accept reports of non-working street lights from the public.

**UPCOMING
LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
MEETINGS**



**REGIONAL
DISTRICT OF
KOOTENAY
BOUNDARY**

**BV Recreation
Committee**

Friday, March 9
12 Noon
RDKB Trail
Committee Room

**Electoral Area
Services Committee**

Thursday, March 16
4:30 pm
RDKB Grand Forks
Board Room

Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 14
6:00 pm
RDKB Grand Forks
Board Room

**East End Services
Committee**

Wednesday, March 21
4:30 pm
RDKB Trail
Board Room

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 27
6:00 pm
RDKB Trail
Board Room

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BC ONECARD

Are you traveling in BC? Are you visiting or shopping in nearby (or far away) BC communities? Do you work in a community other than where you live? Do you have your home library card?

Did you know that...

If you're on the road or work in a community other than where you live and find yourself in another BC public library, you can easily borrow items.

The best part is that you can return these items to any other BC public library, so if you're in another community in BC it's easy to drop items off as you go! This is the BC OneCard program.

A library card from your home public library (i.e. for our library users Beaver Valley Public Library is their home library) opens the door to public libraries wherever you go in BC; don't leave home without it!

BC OneCard services at the Beaver Valley Public Library:

We are happy to share our materials with you; there are no limits on what kinds of materials you can borrow from our collection.

If you have materials borrowed from other BC libraries, you can drop them off at the BV Library and they will mail them back to the lending library, at no cost to you.

In 2017 the Beaver Valley Public Library lent close to 1,000 of our items to BC OneCard users and returned approximately 200 items back to the lending libraries.*


BC OneCard is yet another way that BC public libraries are ensuring high quality service and access to a wider variety of materials to ALL library card holders in the province of BC.

***Please note:** BC OneCard is not the same as Inter Library Loans or BC Inter Library Connect; BC OneCard items are borrowed in person, with your home library card at a library other than your own.

DONATION

A huge thank you to Western Financial Group in Fruitvale for their generous donation of \$5,000 to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's Beaver Valley Arena and BV Nitehawks as part of their Community Infrastructure Grant. This money will be used to renovate the second viewing room overlooking the ice surface.

CONGRATULATIONS JOE!

 We would like to send our congratulations to Fruitvale native Joe Cecchini on his 2018 Olympic debut in the Skeleton at Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Joe, you may not have brought home a medal but you made us all proud! Your determination and hard work is proof that dreams really do come true!

WAY TO GO JOE!



Photo courtesy of Facebook