



Fruitvale & Area A News

March 2020

Keeping the Community Informed

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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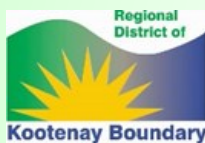
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VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE NEWS

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE UTILITY BILLS

The 2020 water, sewer and garbage bills will be sent out sometime this month. Home owners will have until March 31 to pay in order to take advantage of the 5% discount. The 2020 Garbage and Recycling Calendar will be sent out with the bills. Residents can access the calendar on our website at

<https://fruitvale.icompasscms.com/content/garbage-recycling>

Accepted forms of payment are debit, cash, cheque, internet banking, and post-dated cheques.

Credit card payments can be made through the PayTm app on your mobile device. If using the app, your utilities account number can be found on the left side of the utility bill, just above the due date. Use the 13 numbers, no spaces.



The Village of Fruitvale has a monthly prepayment plan for utilities and property taxes. Current charges must be paid before the prepayment plan can be started. For more information and details on the preauthorized prepayment plan, please contact the Village Office.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice any street lights not working properly, please make note of the number on the pole and/or location of the pole and what the defect is, then call or email the Village Office to report it. Staff will ascertain whether the pole is located within the Village of Fruitvale boundaries and report it to FortisBC. Please note: FortisBC does not accept reports of non-working street lights from the public.

HOUSE NUMBERS

It's imperative for 9-1-1 emergencies that home owners have their house number visible from the road. This will enable emergency personnel (fire, ambulance, police) to find you in case of an emergency.

STREET SIGNS

If you notice any faded or illegible street signs, please report the location and street name to the Village Office.

2020 DOG TAGS/LICENSES

All dogs in Fruitvale (Village and Area A) are to have a current dog tag on their collar. If your dog doesn't have one, now is the time to get one.

Residents of Fruitvale - Purchase tags at the Village Office
Residents of Area A - Purchase at the RDKB Office in Trail

SNOWBUSTERS

The deadline to submit the name of your Snowbuster is March 16. Call or email the Village Office with the name of your Snowbuster and a brief explanation of what your Snowbuster did for you this winter.

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE NEWS CONTINUED

BURNING

No Open Burning



The Village Office has received 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 IS NOT allowed.**

The only permissible outdoor fires are **small** back-yard campfires (0.5 m X 0.5m in size) and **ONLY seasoned firewood** is to be burned. Flames are to be kept low.

All paper and cardboard products must be recycled appropriately.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY AREA 'A' NEWS



The RDKB has partnered in a cross-regional composting program with the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to get underway in 2022.

It will initially target the processing of organic waste from regional curbside collection in the RDKB including from Electoral Areas 'A', 'B'/Lower-Columbia/Old Glory, and the municipalities of Rossland, Warfield, Trail, Montrose and Fruitvale, and from Castlegar and Nelson in the RDCK. It will also include organic waste from the commercial sectors in both regional districts.

The new composting program will divert thousands of kilograms of kitchen and food waste from landfills to a new regional composting facility at the RDCK Central Landfill site near Salmo. It will help conserve landfill space, reduce leachate and greenhouse gas emissions, and produce a useful product in the form of compost.

If you're composting now in your backyard now, please keep it up! The program will take other compostable materials you now can't compost at home, such as meat, bones, dairy products and some papers.

If you're using plastic compost bucket liners now, stop! These plastics are NOT COMPOSTABLE regardless of what is written on the bag. Cellulose-lined, paper alternatives that are fully compostable are available. Contact the RDKB if you want to know more.



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE COUNCIL MEETINGS



Council Meeting

Monday, March 9

@ 6:00 pm

Committee of the Whole

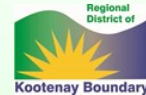
Monday, March 23

@ 4:00 pm

**Above meetings held in
Council Chambers**



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY MEETINGS



Utilities Committee

Wednesday, March 11

11:00 am

RDKB Trail Boardroom

Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 11

1:00 pm

RDKB Trail Boardroom

Electoral Area Services

Thursday, March 12

3:30 pm

RDKB Trail Boardroom

BV Recreation Committee

Tuesday, March 17

RDKB Trail Boardroom

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, March 17

10:30 am

RDKB Trail Boardroom

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 31

1:00 pm

RDKB Trail Boardroom

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP) – FREE TAX SERVICE

CVITP volunteers are available **every Thursday morning** (9:00 - 11:00am) at the **Beaver Valley Manor** from **March 2 to April 23**.

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.

No appointments; interviews are on a first come basis. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the posted closing time. NO DROP-OFF, PLEASE.

Eligibility for low-income is determined as follows: Single - Up to \$35,000; Two persons in family - Up to \$45,000; More than two persons - \$2,500 each additional person.

Situations that volunteers may **NOT** assist with include final returns for deceased persons, 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. Other limitations may apply.

Be sure to bring all essential documents and receipts to the interview. If possible, bring a copy of your previous year's return and/or the CRA Notice of Assessment for the previous year and a piece of government photo ID.

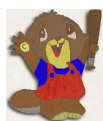
Enquiries contact Trail FAIR Society 250-364-2326.

BEAVER VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Beaver Valley Girls Softball registration is open to players, ages 7-19 years old. Deadline to register is March 31. Late registrations will be assessed a \$50 late fee. For more information or to register contact Rebecca at 250-367-0064.

LADIES SOFTBALL

Do you love to play softball and want to come out of 'retirement' and get back on the field? Here's your chance! Contact Rebecca 250-367-0064 or Tammy 250-367-7930 for more information.



BV MAY DAYS - IDEAS WANTED

The Beaver Valley May Days Society is looking for ideas for more activities for kids and families. If you can help make the BV May Days weekend more fun, please call Randi at 250-231-2129 or email rderdall@telus.net

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day, **March 8, 2020**, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, while also marking a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

Gloria Steinem, world-renowned feminist, journalist and activist once explained "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organisation but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights."

IWD 2020 sees a number of missions to help forge a gender equal world. Celebrating women's achievements and increasing visibility, while calling out inequality, is key. For more information on International Women's Day visit

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

EARTH HOUR 2020

LIGHTS OUT FOR EARTH HOUR - The Village of Fruitvale is supporting and encouraging residents to turn off their lights and participate in **Lights Out Across Canada** on Saturday, March 28 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. For more information on Earth Hour, visit <https://www.earthhour.org/>

Be sure to check out Fortis BC's website for family-friendly things to do while the lights are out <https://www.fortisbc.com/news-events/stories-and-news-from-fortisbc/five-family-friendly-things-to-do-in-the-dark-during-earth-hour>



BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Village of Fruitvale and/or the Village of Montrose offices.

Completed forms may be returned to either office.

Deadline for nominations is April 17, 2020.

MONTROSE CARD CLUB

Montrose Card Club meets on **March 2, 13, 30** at the Montrose Community Hall. Doors open at 6:15pm.

BV LIONS BINGO

Wednesdays - **March 4, 11, 18 & 25** @ 6:00 pm at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS**Astrology Birth Chart Workshop**

Monday, March 23, 6-9 pm, \$55, Montrose Hall

Power Yoga

Tuesdays, 6-7pm, \$75 for 6x pass or \$14 drop in, Montrose Hall

Restorative Massage Yoga

Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x pass or \$14 drop in, Montrose Hall

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays, 7:15-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x pass or \$14 drop in, Fruitvale 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 (omit Mar. 2 & 5)

Box Kick Strength

Sundays, Mar. 22 – May 3 (omit April 12), 9:30-10:30am, Tae Kwon Do Gym, \$52.50 or \$12 drop in

Cardio Sit-ness

Tue & Thurs, 9:30-10:30am, Montrose Hall, \$80 for 10x pass or \$10 drop in

Seniors Line Dance

Fridays, 10-11am, \$1 drop in, Fruitvale Hall

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 231-5919

Zumba Kids Jr.

ages 4-6, Mondays, April 27-June 8 (omit May 18), 3:05-3:35pm, \$36, Fruitvale Hall

Zumba Kids

ages 7-11, Mondays, April 27-June 8 (omit May 18), 3:45-4:30pm, \$42, Fruitvale Hall

Ages 3-8 Drop-in Hockey

Sundays, Mar. 1, 15, 29 from 4:15-5:15pm and Spring Break Mar. 17, 20, 23, 25 from 1:45-2:45pm at the BV Arena. Nets and pucks are provided. Helmet is required. \$2 drop in.

Ages 9-14 Drop-in Hockey

Sundays, Mar. 8, 14, 22 from 4:15-5:15pm and Spring Break Mar. 16, 18, 24, 26 from 1:45-2:45pm at the BV Arena. Full hockey gear is required. Nets and pucks are provided. \$2 drop in.

Spring Break Public Skate

Monday-Friday, March 16-20 & 23-27 from Noon-1:30pm at BV Arena

Softball Program - Ages 4-5

Introduction to the sport of Softball. Activities will foster the involvement of ALL players, with high and low skill levels. Dates TBA.

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

BV YOUTH ACTION NETWORK**BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK**

With Spring Break this month, the BV Youth Action Network will only have one event - **Movie Night at the Royal Theater** - date to be determined. Stay tuned to Beaver Valley Youth Club on Facebook for the movie night date and title of the movie.

For more information on this event or on the BVYAN, please contact the coordinator, Tammy, at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

BEAVER VALLEY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

SPRING BREAK AT THE BV LIBRARY - Visit the BV Library for some fun during Spring Break!

March 16, 17, 23 & 24

March 18 & 25, 2020

Crafts and Tech Crafts

10:00 - 11:00am

Ages 6-12

Movie Days

1:00 - 3:00pm

Ages 6-12

These events are free but pre-registration is required by stopping in or phoning the Beaver Valley Public Library at 250-367-7114.

AGES AND STAGES TODDLER TIME

Do you have a child between the ages of 0 and 3 years? If so this event is for you!

The Family Action Network, in partner with Fruitvale StrongStart, are hosting a spring Ages and Stages Day on **March 11** from **9:00 to 10:30am** in the **Fruitvale Elementary School gym**.

This fun, parent participation event, will take you and your child through a learning expedition; exploring motor skills, speech and language and problem-solving through a variety of interactive stations.

This relaxed format will allow parents to speak to educators on early childhood development and explore ways to support their child's developmental growth.

Take fun activities home and enter to win some fabulous prizes. Light snacks and beverages will be available.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited!

You do not have to be a regular StrongStart attendee to take part in this event.

Call 1-855-368-3707 to reserve your spot.

For more information visit

www.familyactionnetwork.ca

**IT'S SPRING BREAK!!!**

Kootenay-Columbia School District 20 schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 16 to March 27.

Please take extra care and watch for children on the roads and sidewalks during Spring Break.