

# Fruitvale & Area A News



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*Keeping the  
Community Informed*

**MAY 2020**



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope this May finds everyone in continued good health and good spirits. We've all had to endure some challenges over the past 6 weeks and we need to carry on for a little longer to beat this virus. Kudos to everyone for staying kind, calm and safe through this.

At the Village level we continue to take part in conference calls with the province and other agencies to receive the latest communications. You will have now received the first of our monthly COVID update newsletters, we decided to institute this second monthly newsletter to give those who don't have access to the internet or a computer the latest information, otherwise you can stay up to date on the Village website, Village Facebook page, or my Mayor Facebook page. If your business has had any changes in operation and/or hours, email Karen at [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) with your changes by May 13<sup>th</sup> and she will include it in the next COVID-19 newsletter.

Currently all of our Village meetings, and Regional District meetings are held electronically on the Zoom meeting platform to keep everyone safe. Residents are able to log on if they wish to watch proceedings. I know it's getting old, but now is NOT the time to relax and be careless; we must continue with our safe practices for a while longer so we can get back to our normal lives sooner. We will get through this and be a stronger community for it.

Please continue to support our local businesses that support us and thank you to the businesses and essential services that can remain open and continue supporting us. To those that had to close, we are thinking of you and looking forward to your re-opening!

Be Kind, be Calm, and be Safe!

*Mayor Steve Morissette*



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



### VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

1947 Beaver Street  
Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0  
Ph: 250-367-7551  
Fax: 250-367-9267

Public Works &  
After Hours Emergencies:  
250-367-6162

### General Email

[info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

### Web

[www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca](http://www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

### Facebook

[Village of Fruitvale](#)



### REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

202 - 843 Rossland Ave  
Trail, BC V1R 4S8  
Ph: 250-368-9148

### General Email

RDKB email addresses are  
most often **first initial, last  
name @rdkb.com**  
(For example Joe Smith would  
be [jsmith@rdkb.com](mailto:jsmith@rdkb.com))

### Web

[www.rdkb.com](http://www.rdkb.com)

Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve

[aligrieve@telus.net](mailto:aligrieve@telus.net)

## GARBAGE RECEPTACLES ON MAIN STREET

The garbage receptacles on the Main Street sidewalk are **NOT** for residential use. Residents who have been utilizing these receptacles for their household garbage are asked to please stop doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you require Village of Fruitvale garbage bags, please contact the Village Office to make arrangements to pick up and/or purchase extra bags.

## WILD ANIMALS AND FOOD ATTRACTANTS

It's that time of year when the bears and other wild animals are awake and hungry. In order to stop the animals from coming to your house, you must remove the attractant.

- ♦ Store your garbage and recycling in a secure and enclosed area to prevent access to the bears;
- ♦ Make sure your compost bin is moist and well ventilated;
- ♦ Limit or remove bird feeders;
- ♦ Keep your BBQ clean;
- ♦ Do not leave ripe fruit on trees and remove any unwanted fruit trees.



Residents are also reminded to keep their household garbage in a secure location until the morning of garbage day. Garbage not placed securely is being picked up by hungry bears and other animals, ripped open and strewn across the neighbourhood then has to be cleaned up by someone else. We all need to do our part.

## Village of Fruitvale Garbage and Recycling Calendar

### MAY

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### LEGEND

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

## 2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Due to the COVID-19 social distancing regulations, the Village of Fruitvale is unable to host a public open house to present the 2020 budget. Budget documents will be posted on the Village's website at <https://fruitvale.icompasscms.com/content/reports-and-publications>

## BURNING REGULATIONS

**Village of Fruitvale residents** are reminded that open burning in the Village is prohibited throughout the year. Only 0.5 metre x 0.5 metre backyard campfires are allowed and only dry seasoned firewood to be burned. Please have a water hose readily available. Extinguish your fire when left unattended.

Currently in the Southeast Fire District Category 2 and Category 3 open fires are banned. It is important to exercise caution when you are outdoors, not only when enjoying a campfire or off-roading in the back-country, 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 into contact with dry grass and vegetation, power tools (such as chainsaws), Tiki torches and even discarded glass can all ignite a wildfire. 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 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>. If you see smoke, flames or an open fire violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 immediately.



The Village of Fruitvale is looking for four artistically inclined residents to sit on the newly formed **Community Art Project Committee** to choose an art piece to be installed in the rain garden at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Computer access is a must. Submit your name and contact information to [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

## BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK

The BV YAN is meeting electronically on Zoom. The next event is a Journaling Session on Sunday, May 10 at 6:30pm. Participants must register at [beavervalleyyan@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleyyan@gmail.com). Download the Zoom app to join the meeting. Meeting details will be given upon registration. Email Tammy for more information on youth events.

## VICTORIA DAY CLOSURE

The Village of Fruitvale Office, Public Works and the RDKB Office will be closed Monday, May 18 in observance of the Victoria Day statutory holiday.

For Village of Fruitvale public works emergencies needing immediate attention, please call 250-367-6162 for our emergency answering service.



## BEAVER VALLEY WATER SERVICE REGULATIONS

With the warmer weather upon us, users of the Beaver Valley Water Service are reminded that Level 1 water regulations are in effect.

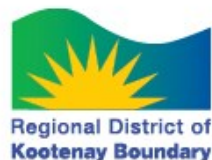
- Odd numbered house water on odd numbered days,
- Even numbered houses water on even numbered days,
- Only one sprinkler per household
- Sprinkling times are:
  - ◆ 7:00 am to 10:00 am
  - ◆ 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Underground Sprinkler Systems are to be set to water between 1:00 am & 6:00 am for 20-minute intervals per zone,
- Ensure water stays on the lawn and garden and does not run down driveways and sidewalks or onto the street,
- **Please refrain from sprinkling when it is raining.**



The COVID-19 pandemic is a challenge for all of us, including local businesses. That means **where you shop makes a difference!**

If you need supplies to allow you to stay home at a safe physical distance from others or if you are an essential worker in our community, please support our local merchants, suppliers and services.

Let's all support the businesses that support us!



### UPCOMING VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE MEETINGS

#### Regular Council Meeting

Monday May 4

6:00 pm

Zoom Videoconference

#### Committee of the Whole

Monday May 25

4:00 pm

Zoom Videoconference

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://  
us02web.zoom.us/  
j/3353726693](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693)

Meeting ID:

335 372 6693

### UPCOMING REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY MEETINGS

#### Utilities Committee

Wednesday, May 13

11:00 am

Zoom Videoconference

#### Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 13

1:00 pm

Zoom Videoconference

#### Electoral Area Services

Thursday, May 14

11:00 am

RDKB Trail Boardroom

#### BV Recreation Committee

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am

Zoom Videoconference

#### East End Services Committee

Tuesday, May 19

10:30 am

Zoom Videoconference

#### Board of Directors

Thursday, May 28

1:00 pm

Zoom Videoconference



# BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

## MAY 2020 AGE FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

This is certainly a challenging time for all of us to be distanced from our families, friends and regular routines within our communities. The silver lining is that community is certainly coming together to work as a team. In addition to our health supports, it is amazing how many community supports the Beaver Valley seniors have. This includes family, friends, individuals, community groups and churches stepping up. Grocery stores and pharmacies are adjusting hours of operations and doing deliveries to support seniors. The Beaver Valley Age Friendly program has had such a positive response from so many as we reached out to build strong connections. Thanks to seniors' organizations such as Mountain Side Village, the Beaver Valley Manor and the Beaver Valley Seniors Branch #44 who are keeping seniors safe and informed. Also, BV Age Friendly is so fortunate to partner with and have the support of the Age Friendly seniors telephone fan out group, the Better at Home program, the United Way, the BV Lions Club, the Community Skills Centre, the Salvation Army Meals on Wheels, CBAL, the Beaver Valley Dynamic Aging Society, Fruitvale and Montrose Villages, RDKB and the South Kootenay Seniors Age Friendly program which covers Trail, Rossland and Warfield.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some years ago, we were at a funeral where most of the food for the reception was supplied by health care providers. As part of the health care provider team, Hilda Bouma (my very dear friend) and I joined a small group of other health care providers to set the food onto the tables. We came across a plate covered with foil and labelled: EGG. Now, in the minds of this small group of health care providers, all sorts of ideas came as we circled around the plate wondering what was EGG? One commented, "Hmmm, there is ECG" and another said, "or EKG", but what hospital department was EGG? As we all stood puzzled glaring at this plate, a **non**-health care provider entered the scene and asked what we were doing. When we told her the dilemma, she shook her head and said, "That is egg you guys!" We all laughed as we pulled off the foil to find, it was indeed, open-faced egg salad buns.

***Moral of the story: We all have our part and let's continue to work together so we don't miss the obvious!***

### IMPORTANT UPDATE

#### **Seniors needing non-medical support:**

Please call **211** or  
the **Better at Home Coordinator**, Stephanie Haukaas, at 250-364-2326.

**Calling Beaver Valley "Middlers" and younger** to support our BV seniors through the **Better at Home** program. Call 211 or Stephanie to sign up. A perfect opportunity to recruit volunteers to support the regional Better at Home program in Fruitvale, Montrose and RDKB Area A. The process will ensure safety of both seniors and volunteers.



Bringing **Better at Home** to our communities supports our **Age Friendly Plans!!**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS**

