



Fruitvale & Area A News

May 2020

Keeping the Community Informed

COVID-19 HAS NOT DISAPPEARED!

*Please continue to practise
safe distancing, wash and
sanitize hands, wear a face
covering, stay home when
you're sick or feeling unwell,
and stay within your bubble.*

BE KIND, BE CALM, BE SAFE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

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Ph: 250-367-7551
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Village of Fruitvale



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

202 - 843 Rossland Ave
Trail, BC V1R 4S8
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General Email

RDKB email addresses are
most often **first initial, last
name @rdkb.com**

(For example Joe Smith would
be jsmith@rdkb.com)

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Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve
agrieve@rdkb.com

REPORTING THE NEWS: FIRST THE BAD...

Trail and Greater District RCMP Detachment - Weekly Media Report

Emergency Programs Act contravention prompts investigation

Trail and Greater District RCMP File # 2021-1753

On April 23, 2021, at 12:10 Trail and Greater District RCMP received a report of an organized outdoor event located at the Creekside Park located on Columbia Gardens Road in Fruitvale, BC. Trail RCMP observed a female speaker using a microphone to talk to an allegedly unmasked crowd of approximately 40 people. There was also a small group of protesters carrying signs in attendance. The crowd began slowly dispersing after the arrival of the Trail RCMP.

Trail RCMP is continuing to investigate a 60-year-old Trail man and 53-year-old woman for allegedly organizing the event.

Trail RCMP would like to remind the public that anyone attending such an event could be issued a \$230 fine for attending a non-compliant event under Section 4(4) of the Emergency Program Act. Other fines under the EPA also could apply.

With recent surges in COVID-19 infections in Canada, the Trail RCMP is asking the public to continue following social distancing rules and refrain from gathering, as well as following all other enacted laws under the Emergency Programs Act. Trail and Greater District community wants to prevent our local hospital from becoming overwhelmed with new cases, which will help ensure anyone can get medical treatment and care if required. Gatherings like this one can lead to the accelerated spread of COVID-19 through contact and close contact.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

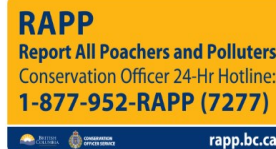
REPORT ALL POACHERS AND POLLUTERS!!

Sometime between the morning of April 27 and April 28 some persons dumped a BUNCH of garbage near the Pend d'Oreille Cemetery. Shame on you!

The YRB crews responded immediately but there was too much garbage for one pick-up load so a second trip was required. **A huge thanks to the YRB crew! Followed by a huge shaming to those responsible.**

This is our community and your tax dollars – please report these shameful acts.

Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) by calling the BC Conservation Officer Service 24-hr hotline at **1-877-952-7277** when you witness illegal dumping.



...AND THEN THE GOOD!

HARVEST COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Harvest Community Garden is coming along nicely and will be ready for planting soon.

Planter boxes currently available to the public are:

- 9 large (6.25' L x 2.25' W x 2' H)
- 6 small (3' L x 3' W x 1.84' H)

If you are interested in planting one of the boxes, please call the Village Office, 250-367-7551, with your name, street address and phone number before they are all spoken for.



Area A - May Update

Director Ali Grieve, Electoral Area A - Celebrating the Columbia Basin!

I have had the honour of representing Area A/rural Beaver Valley on the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives Committee for several years, along with five other representatives from Area A, the Village of Fruitvale and the Village of Montrose.

Beaver Valley is unique in that we choose to pool our allotment of funds from the Trust in order to fund large and small projects for valley communities, that all residents can access. Those decisions are normally made in a public forum, where community groups have the opportunity to present the project they'd like their representatives to support.

This year, due to the COVID pandemic, a public forum was not possible, so the six representatives convened via Zoom. Although we were not able to hear directly from individual groups or societies, we saw 273 visits to our RDKB Community Initiatives page on our online engagement platform - Join the Conversation - and close to a dozen questions and comments. Many applications were submitted for consideration and so it was difficult for the Valley representatives responsible for making award decisions. We had \$107.5K to award, with funding requests at an all-time high of \$194.3K. After some discussion and debate, we agreed to focus on those projects that would provide the most benefit to the most people in the Valley. Here are the projects that we were able to fund for 2021:

BC SPCA: \$1.5K/Spay & Neuter Assistance Program • Beaver Mtn. Snowmobile Assoc.: \$15K Archibald Mtn. Multi-season Warming Hut • Beaver Valley Blooming Society: \$5K/Blooming Fruitvale • Beaver Valley Curling Club: \$15K/Kitchen Vent Fire Suppression Upgrade • Beaver Valley Fastpitch Association: \$2K/Skills, Drills, Development and Recruit • Beaver Valley Golf and Recreation Society: \$15K/Storage & Security Improvements • Beaver Valley Manor Society: \$5K/Beaver Valley Manor Door Assist • Health Arts Society: \$1.5K/Concerts for Local Seniors in Care • Holy Trinity: \$800/School-Aid Package for Children in Need • Horse Assoc. Central Kootenay: \$1K/Youth Polish, Shine & Show-Horse Activities • Hospice Society: \$1600/Support Services & Training for Volunteers • Kiwanis Club of Trail: \$1K/Green Area Improvement Beaver Creek Park • Kootenay Brain Injury: \$2K/Support Services & Projects • Kootenay Columbia Learning Centre: \$500/ School Garden Project • Montrose Youth Action Team Society: \$1.5K/Flourish Montrose • Public Access Protection Soc.: \$2.4K/Kiddie Car Safety Improvements (May Days) • Scouts

Canada at Tweedsmuir: \$2K/ Fire Prevention & Electronic Equipment • Selkirk Mountain Music Soc.: \$14.7K/Mobile Entertainment Stage for the Valley • The BV & Pend D'Oreille Historical Society: \$5K/Database Development, Transcription of Oral Interviews, Repair Cabinets • The Corp. of the Village Of Fruitvale: \$11.5 K/BV Age Friendly Gatherings & Luncheons • Trail Gymnastics: \$1.1K/Equipment Upgrades • Youth Baseball: \$1.2K/Butler Park Equipment Upgrade

Thank you to all who took the time to submit applications. CBT has granted \$60 million for Basin projects this past year and over the past 25 years, an impressive grand total of \$430 million! WOW. Thank you Columbia Basin Trust, and congratulations on 25 years serving the Basin!

Check out this link to review CBT's new book, [**Columbia Basin Trust: A Story of People, Power and a Region United.**](#) It's worth reading.



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Kootenay Boundary

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held via Zoom Video Conference

Utilities Committee

Wednesday, May 12
11:00 am

Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 12
1:00 pm

Electoral Area Services

Thursday, May 13
10:30 am

BV Recreation Committee

Tuesday, May 18
8:30 am

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, May 18
10:30 am

Board of Directors

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting

May 10 @ 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole

May 31 @ 4:00 pm

Village Council and Committee of the Whole
Meetings are held via Zoom at

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

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693



Mayor Steve Morissette

I hope May finds everyone well and able to access vaccinations so we can move on from the challenge of this pandemic. The pandemic has been challenging for everyone. If you're feeling overwhelmed there is an interior crisis line at 1-888-353-2273, help is there if you need it.

Through a local childcare needs assessment, the Beaver Valley was identified as a "childcare desert". The Village of Fruitvale used this assessment to build into our BV middle school site plan a daycare facility and to support our application for funding to build the facility, unfortunately in the first round of funding for childcare spaces we were denied funding. We will persevere and hopefully in the future we will be funded to bring much needed childcare to the Beaver Valley. In partnership with the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society, we also have an application in for a 28-unit housing complex and we are hoping for a positive result with this application.

This spring other Beaver Valley projects are progressing. At the Fruitvale Memorial Parks, clean-up of the fence line around Lewis and Matteucci Parks, rebuilding of the batting cage, and plans are underway to replace the roof structure (best known as the Beer Gardens) at Haines Park. Downtown we are in the midst of building the new community garden with a garden hut, memorial benches, fruit trees, and multiple garden boxes overlooking Beaver Creek and Creekside Community Park. We are also partnered with BV Recreation and Atco Wood Products in the construction of a replica train station that will serve as a smaller meeting space, historical exhibit place to tell the story of our valley since indigenous times, and nearby also in Railway Park the historic Park Siding School will be located for everyone's enjoyment, check it out in this newsletter. Exciting developments for our downtown core and the whole Beaver Valley.

Be Kind, Be Calm, and Be Safe

DID YOU KNOW...

The Village of Fruitvale received a public art grant from Columbia Basin Trust and sponsorship from RDKB Area A Director Ali Grieve to commission a piece of artwork from a basin artist to be placed at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre's Rain Garden.

A Public Art Committee was put together to complete this task. The committee has been working diligently and the time has come to complete this project. Keep watch because at the end of May this beautiful piece of art will come to life.

VICTORIA DAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Village of Fruitvale Office, Public Works and the RDKB Office will be closed Monday, May 24 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.

SUMMER STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITY

TEMPORARY SUMMER STUDENT GARDENER

Closing Date: May 11, 2021

The Village of Fruitvale is seeking an enthusiastic, energetic, and self-motivated student to fill the temporary position of **SUMMER STUDENT GARDENER**. The posting is expected to start mid-May and run 8 weeks.

Reporting to the Village Office, the successful candidate will be required to perform special assignment duties, including, but not limited to, downtown beautification, gardening and weed control, cemetery and parks grounds maintenance and other projects. Assignments are performed under general supervision and performance is subject to review and evaluation.

As defined, Summer Student employees shall be high school graduates or college or university students who are registered or have declared their intention of returning to a bona fide college or university and who seek employment. Summer student employees are entitled to statutory benefits as defined in the Employment Standards Act. They do not accumulate seniority. The wage will be sixteen dollars and twenty cents (\$16.20) dollars based on a 35-hour week.

For more information on this position, please contact Kelli Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer at Village of Fruitvale 250-367-7551.

Resumes with cover letter can be email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca with the subject Summer Student Gardener no later than 3:00pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

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;
- ◆ Cut down unwanted fruit trees
- ◆ Remove ripe and/or unwanted fruit from the 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, raccoons, skunks, dogs, cats 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.

2021 PROPERTY TAXES


The 2021 property tax notices will be mailed to home owners in late May and are due Friday July 2, 2021 to avoid a 10% penalty. If you do not receive your tax notice by June 9, please contact the Village Office, 250-367-7551.

NEW PROCESS TO APPLY FOR HOME OWNER GRANTS

Please note that the municipality will **NO LONGER** be processing Home Owner Grants as this is now managed by the Province of British Columbia.

To apply for your Home Owner Grant - When you receive your tax notice, please visit the provincial website at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant to apply online or call toll free to 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent.

HOW TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME:

- **Cheque, money order, bank draft:**
Attach your cheque to the Home Owner Grant portion of your tax notice (found on the bottom of the tax notice) and place in our mail slot to the lower left of the front door or mail it through Canada Post. Be sure to complete the Home Owner Grant if you are eligible to claim. We happily accept post-dated cheques.
- **Online banking:**
This is available with the Credit Union, Scotiabank, CIBC and BMO ONLY. Find us under "Fruitvale, Village – Property Tax". Depending on the requirements of your financial institution, use at least the last 6 digits of your folio number without the 521 and the decimal point. For example Folio No. 521 00123.456 would be 123456. If more digits are required, use more zeros. For example Folio No. 521 00123.456 would be 00000123456.
- **E-Transfer:**
Send your payment to finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca. We are set up for auto deposit, so no password is required. However, you must write your Folio number in the messages to ensure the payment is applied to the correct account.
- **Credit Card using the Pay TM Canada app Only:**
 Download the app to your electronic device. To set up a new payee Search for "Fruitvale", select property tax. Locate the 11-digit folio number on the front of this Property Tax notice. Use the 11-digit number without any spaces or decimals e.g. 52100123000 as your account number.

Property Taxes are due Friday July 2, 2021.

Be sure to apply for your home owner grant, if applicable, at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or 1-888-355-2700 before July 2, 2021 to avoid a 10% penalty on your unapplied for home owner grant.

Village of Fruitvale Garbage and Recycling Calendar

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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.

RDKB WATER SMART



The RDKB is offering our residential water utility customers free water conservation kits. The kits include a low-flow showerhead and kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators. These items are easy to install so you can begin saving on your home's water heating costs right away – ***saving water, energy and money!***

For more information on how to apply for a residential water conservation kit, please visit the WaterSmart website at <https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/rdkb-watersmart>.

OPEN BURNING, BARREL BURNING & CAMPFIRES

The Village Office continues to receive complaints about the smell and smoke coming from illegal open burning fires, wood stove and fireplace fires.

Residents are reminded that there is **NO OPEN OR BARREL BURNING** allowed in the Village and **burning any materials other than dry, seasoned firewood** (ie: plastic and plastic bags, household garbage, recyclable material, etc.) **IS NOT allowed.**

The only permissible outdoor fires in the Village of Fruitvale are **small** backyard campfires (0.5m X 0.5m in size) and **ONLY dry, seasoned firewood** is to be burned. Flames are to be kept low and have a water hose readily available. Extinguish your fire when left unattended. **All paper, cardboard and other recyclable products must be recycled appropriately.**

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

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 when using tools and/or 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, regulations and fire bans, please visit

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp> If you see smoke, flames or an open fire violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone immediately.

BEAVER VALLEY WATER SERVICE OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

(does not include Beaver Falls Waterworks District)

Cut out on dotted line and keep for reference

OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION



- Beaver Valley Water Service
- Christina Lake Water Utility
- Rivervale Water Utility



For more information scan this code.

WATER ACTIVITY

STAGE 1 Normal



Sprinkler or Irrigation
(Lawn, trees, shrubs, vegetable gardens, flower gardens)

Regular Hours:
4am to 9am &
7pm to 10pm

EVEN numbered addresses

Tue Thu Sat

ODD numbered addresses

Wed Fri Sun

No watering allowed on Mondays



Micro Irrigation or Drip Irrigation System

Allowed



Watering with handheld container or hose with shut-off nozzle

Allowed



Washing personal vehicles (does not apply to commercial car wash stations)

Allowed with shut-off nozzle



Cleaning surfaces, sidewalks, driveways

Allowed with shut-off nozzle



Filling fountains, hot tubs, pools

Allowed



Watering sod, new grass, plantings

Allowed with authorization from RDKB Environmental Services



Find water conservation tips at rdkb.com
Contact watersmart@rdkb.com
or phone (250) 368-0229



BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK

BVYAN continues to meet electronically on Zoom. Download the Zoom app to join in and follow them on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club to find out what's happening.

For more information on youth events or to join BVYAN, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com.

BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kids Take Home Craft Bags

Ages: 5-12

Call the BV Library at 250-367-7114 to register for your free craft bags

Senior Take Home Craft Bags

Call the BV Library at 250-367-7114 to register for your free craft bags



Beaver Siding Train Station / Museum Project Virtual Town Hall Summary

The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee held a one-hour virtual town hall Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the proposed Beaver Siding Train Station/Museum Project that would see the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee in conjunction with The Nelson & Ft. Sheppard Railway Co. construct a railway station/museum/gathering place in the downtown core of Fruitvale.

Fifteen members of the community attended along with ATCO Wood Products CEO Scott Weatherford, Area A Director Ali Grieve, Village of Fruitvale Director and Mayor Steve Morissette, Village of Montrose Director and Mayor Mike Walsh, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Facilities and Recreation Manager Mark Daines and RDKB Recreation Coordinator Kelly Walker.

The project team reviewed the project purpose, draft construction and operating budgets, timelines and preliminary designs with attendees then answered questions. To see all questions and answers, go to jointheconversation.rdkb.com/bvtrainstation. The following is an abridged version of the Q & A:

Q: *Will the new building meet needs for lighting, temperature control, security, and on-site storage facilities for displaying local historical artifacts?*

A: Lighting, temperature control, and security are key considerations in design; storage is not. We envision a venue for local historical groups and other groups within the community to share their own stories of the Valley and of the region, and for the public to use.

Q: *Will the project impact existing green and park space near the site?*

A: Much or all of the proposed construction will take place on the grassy section of our Railway Park. We intend to leave other green spaces untouched. Any impacts from construction will be remediated and returned to their former state.

Q: *Did people in Beaver Valley show interest in a train museum before this was designed?*

A: We were approached by a member of the public several years ago who envisioned a similar venue. That idea has grown among stakeholders into the proposed project.

Q: *How can we incorporate meaningful acknowledgment and input of indigenous peoples?*

A: We will invite indigenous peoples to display and share their own history. Our approach is to include everyone with a history in our Valley to use the facility to tell their own stories

Q: *Will the project lead to traffic disruptions during construction and will it address existing traffic issues such as excessive speed?*

A: Traffic disruptions will be kept at a minimum and are likely to affect only a portion of Eastview Road during utility tie-ins. Traffic safety will be part of our final plans & include pedestrian crossings where applicable.

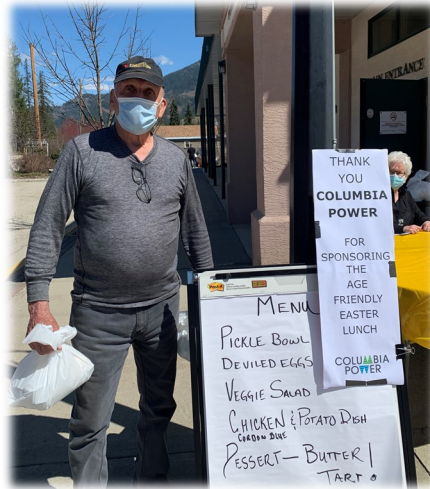
More project information: jointheconversation.rdkb.com/bvtrainstation

This is a community project! Are you a resident or business owner who has an idea or would like to help out or contribute somehow? Contact Mark Daines, Manager of Facilities & Recreation: mdaines@rdkb.com or 250-364-3000.



BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

MAY 2021 AGE FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER



The Village of Fruitvale Mayor and Councillors would like to thank **COLUMBIA POWER** for their generous donation to our Beaver Valley Age Friendly Easter take-home lunch!!!! We were able to cook 160 lunches of chicken cordon blue, potatoes, marinated veggie salad, deviled eggs, pickle bowl, a dinner bun and butter tart for dessert. Our Beaver Valley seniors also enjoyed winning four door



prizes! **THANK YOU COLUMBIA POWER** for putting our seniors first and taking pride in our community.

Our next take-home lunch will be on **Tuesday, May 18 2021**. **Please register with the Village Office on or before 4:30pm on May 12, 2021** by email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca or phone 250-367-7551.

We also ask that you pick up your lunch at 12:30-1:00pm. If you are unable to pick up your lunch or need to cancel your lunch registration, please call Colleen at 250-231-7782. By doing this we can adjust our order and save money for our next lunch, or allocate the already prepared lunch to a senior that would appreciate it.

I apologize for the wrong cooking instructions that were placed on the chicken and potato pan. We were on a time crunch and could not get them reprinted.

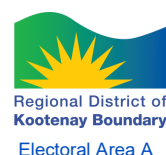
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<https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/398/>

Mother's Day

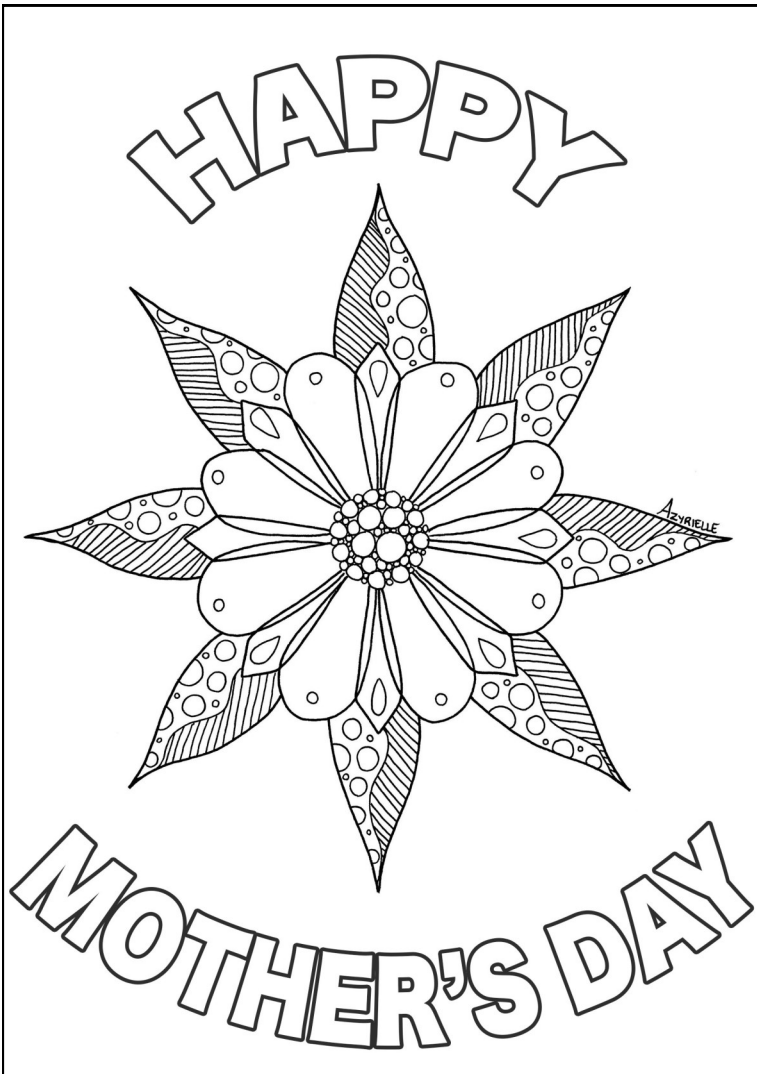
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THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS



BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Colouring Fun to keep your brain young



*"We don't stop playing
because we grow old;
we grow old because
we stop playing."
George Bernard Shaw*

