



November 2020

Keeping the Community Informed

#### COVID-19 HAS NOT DISAPPEARED!

Please continue to practise safe distancing, wash and sanitize hands, wear a face covering and stay home when you're sick or feeling unwell. BE KIND, BE CALM, BE SAFE

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

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# Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, RDKB

Area A - Fall Update

Remembrance Day: Please buy a wreath or make a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion to support Vets and their families. As there will be fewer opportunities this year to gather in honour of our Vets, please pause at 11:00 am for two minutes of silence to honour those who fought for our freedom.

#### What is the Federal Gas Tax Fund? How is it Invested in your Community?

Infrastructure maintenance & improvements for services such as transportation, communication, water safety & public sanitation are very costly. In fact, it is impossible for most local governments to keep up with those costs; yet, local governments are responsible for keeping all the wheels greased & the motors running.

To help offset costs, the Federal Government introduced the Gas Tax Fund (GTF) in 2005 to provide communities with ongoing funding. The program currently funds over \$2 billion in projects across the country.

One of the first successful projects had Area A Gas Tax monies merged with the Western Diversification Funds to build a much needed water tower to serve the Columbia Gardens Industrial Park. That project resulted in a safe, sustainable water system for the industrial park land, & now helps enhance investors' decision-making when considering the area for business.

In 2014, as the GTF program evolved, eligibility expanded to include projects related to culture, tourism, sports & recreation. This was a very welcome change in scope, & local governments took advantage of the opportunity.

Because Area A, Fruitvale, Montrose, & Beaver Falls enjoy a close civic relationship, cooperation with grant funding & seeking joint projects is common as we aim for outcomes that support residents throughout the Beaver Valley. I like to say that I live in the Beaver Valley. We are one community in many ways. The more we share, the more we all benefit. And, joint projects play an important part in reducing greenhouse gases, when services are shared, & in accessible locations.

GTF projects that Area A has supported:

- South Columbia Search & Rescue: Hall Upgrade
- Beaver Valley Family Park: Solar Hot Water/ Electrical & Washroom Upgrades
- · Beaver Valley Arena: Lighting Upgrades
- Beaver Creek Park: First Nations Arbor
- Fruitvale Elementary School: Playground
- · Village of Fruitvale: RV Park
- Champion Lakes Golf Course: New Metal Roof/Lighting Upgrades/Deck Rails

Area A has contributed over \$700,000 to help improve facilities and parks that we all enjoy. With success under our belts, more Beaver Valley projects will be upcoming. Stay tuned!

Update: Last month, I wrote about road maintenance challenges, and this month, I am happy to give A Big Shout Out to YRB for completing the ditching work for Area A. Thanks for hearing us.

I'm proud to be Canadian, where at least I know I'm free.

And I won't forget those who died and gave that right to me.



#### Mayor's Message

I hope November finds everyone healthy and safe. October has been a very busy month for the Village as we've had multiple meetings covering childcare needs, affordable housing, economic development/re-branding, Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government AGM and a 6hr AKBLG education session entitled "Connecting with our Communities". It has been busy, but exciting.

Our recent Childcare Needs Assessment for the Beaver Valley (Montrose, Area A, and Fruitvale) which included a survey that was completed by more than 120 families showed us that:

- there are only 102 childcare spaces for 705 children.
- there is a 14% coverage rate, anything below 33% is considered a childcare desert.
- 328 new spaces are required to meet the current need (some children are cared for by extended family or friends).

These findings strongly support our funding application to build a childcare facility on the former middle school site.

On October 9, our sitting and recently re-elected MLA Katrine Conroy came to Fruitvale on her election tour and I took the opportunity to explain the many projects and partnerships we are working on in the Village. I was pleased that her team called and organized another visit on Friday October 16 to visit the middle school site and go over the masterplan for the project. She was very excited about the proposed daycare as that is within her ministry, and the affordable housing piece; she committed to do all she can to work with us to find the funding to demolish the school.

In my role as Municipal Director on the RDKB and the Utilities Committee, we discussed a new water restriction structure for next year as well as a water smart ambassador for the summer months to help educate residents on easy ways to reduce water consumption. At BV Recreation we have discussed moving the historic Park Siding School into town to Railway Park so it can be more readily accessible to people and our elementary school for viewing. BV Rec is also working on a partnership between multiple parties including Columbia Basin Trust, Area A, Montrose, Fruitvale, ATCO Wood Products, and a CERIP Grant to build a replica train station alongside the railway in Railway Park that can be used to display Beaver Valley and Pend d'Oreille Historical Society artifacts, hold small gatherings, and host the ATCO sponsored train rides. We have also applied for grants to upgrade Creekside Park for removal of the crumbling retaining wall and fence, to provide access to the creek for summer use and to install sitting areas to enjoy the creek. We have a lot of irons in the fire right now; it's an exciting time for the valley and we look forward to working with our partners and residents to see the projects through to completion.

One of the unfortunate casualties of COVID-19 is the cancellation of our well-attended Remembrance Day Service on November 11<sup>th</sup>. In its place, we ask that everyone go outside for two minutes of silence from 11:00am to 11:02am. We will mark the start and finish with a siren or train whistle.

Kudos to the people of our Beaver Valley Food Bank and the wonderful work they do year round to support our people.

Please always remember to keep your eye open for a friend, neighbour, or anyone that may need a small act of kindness to make their life more manageable. Be kind, be calm, and be safe.

Mayor Steve Morissette

## UPCOMING VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### **Regular Council**

Monday November 2 6:00 pm Zoom Videoconference

#### **Committee of the Whole**

November 16 4:00 pm Zoom Videoconference

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/3353726693

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693

#### **UPCOMING REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

#### **Utilities Committee**

Wednesday, November 10 11:00 am Zoom Videoconference

#### **Board of Directors**

Wednesday, November 10 1:00 pm Zoom Videoconference

#### **Electoral Area Services**

Thursday, November 12 11:00 am Zoom Videoconference

#### **BV Recreation Committee**

Tuesday, November 17 9:00 am Zoom Videoconference

# **East End Services Committee**

Tuesday, November 17 10:30 am Zoom Videoconference

#### **Board of Directors**

Thursday, November 26 1:00 pm Zoom Videoconference

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Due to COVID-19 and current provincial health orders, there will be no Remembrance Day service at the Fruitvale Cenotaph this year.

In lieu of the ceremony and luncheon that normally follows the service, the Village of Fruitvale Office will be accepting donations for Legion members beginning Monday, November 2 until 4:00pm on Friday, November 6.

Area A and the Village of Fruitvale are donating \$500 each to our local Royal Canadian Legion and ask that you please consider purchasing a wreath or making a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion to support Vets and their families. To contact the Royal Canadian Legion Trail Branch #11, please call 250-364-1422.

Also available at the Village of Fruitvale Office are Legion masks. The outside of the masks are made from 100% poly twill 220 gm and the inside is made from 100% polyester mesh. We have two sizes available: Adult Small masks sized 7" x 5" and Adult Large masks sized 7.5" x 7.5" at a cost of \$11.00 each. All funds raised by the sale of the masks will be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.



As there will be fewer opportunities this year to gather in honour of our Vets, we also ask that on Wednesday November 11 you please pause what you are doing and go outside to stand for two minutes of silence, from 11:00 to 11:02am, to honour those who fought for our freedom. We will mark the start and finish with a siren or train whistle.

Thank you to all our veterans who have served and those who continue to serve their country proudly and selflessly.



we could enjoy the freedom we have today, we honour

Mayor Steve Morissette

you on November 11.

#### **BOULEVARD PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL**

Residents are reminded that during the winter months the boulevard is where snow is to be when plowing and pushing back snow. This means that residents are required to find off-street parking during the winter months.

Anyone parked on the boulevard is subject to their vehicle being plowed in during snow removal. Snow removed to create a boulevard parking space must be stored on the boulevard and not placed back on the street. Also, anyone found creating a snow berm at the curb to make a "parking space" on the boulevard will be asked to remove it.

A number of safety and liability issues arise whenever a road is effectively blocked, as is the case when residents pile snow in travel lanes. Residents and emergency vehicles can be impeded, forcing the Village to remove the snow. Please be advised that the cost of an additional call-out to clear a blocked street shall be billed to the appropriate address.

The Village cannot condone the transport or plowing of snow by non-contracted private parties from properties along the Village streets due to liability issues. The Village therefore kindly requests the full cooperation and collaboration of all its residents during snowfall. If there is a compelling set of circumstances that do not allow on-site snow storage in line with Village policy, Fruitvale officials will address that problem.

#### WINTER PREPARATIONS

In preparation for the upcoming snow removal season, the Public Works Department asks residents to remove recreational vehicles, basketball hoops, construction materials, solar lights, flower planters, and such from boulevards. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer will be patrolling boulevards and handing out notices to residents with items on the boulevard.

Residents with fences bordering Village streets are reminded to ensure their fences are strong enough to withstand loads from snow plowed and pushed back to widen streets. Public Works takes extreme care when pushing back snow, but damage is possible. The Village of Fruitvale is not responsible for damage to fences or other objects that may occur during the course of performing regular duties.

## VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE GARBAGE & RECYCLING DATES

#### NOVEMBER

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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.

Reminder to residents: Garbage Collection is now every two weeks.

# "NAME THAT PARK" CONTEST REMINDER

Make your mark on Fruitvale by entering Council's the "Name that Park" contest to find a name for the park complex as a whole and lower Lewis Park.

Simply submit your suggested names, along with your name and contact information to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca between October 1 - 31, 2020.

Council will choose the top five names for the park complex and Lower Lewis Park, at their November 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. The chosen names will then be posted online and in the December newsletter for all residents to vote on!

Voting will be open to all residents of Fruitvale from **December 1-18, 2020**. Winners will be notified and the new names announced to the public in January, 2021.

More information on the Haines Park Masterplan can be found on the Village website at https://fruitvale.icompasscms.com/content/haines-park-and-former-middle-school-development

#### INPUT REQUIRED ON ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 922



Village of Fruitvale Council is looking for input from Village residents on the new Animal Responsibility Bylaw that received first and second reading at the October 5 Council meeting.

The Animal Responsibility Bylaw is a bylaw to provide for the regulation, restriction, and prohibition of the keeping of animals in the Village of Fruitvale.

The bylaw can be found on the Village's website https://fruitvale.icompasscms.com/sites/fruitvale.civicwebcms.com/files/media/922%20Animal%20Responsibility%20Bylaw.pdf

Please send comments on the Bylaw to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca before November 12, 2020. Council will discuss the comments at their Committee of the Whole meeting on November 16, 2020.

#### **VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES AND UTILITIES REMINDER**

Home owners are reminded that the deadline to pay the 2020 Property Taxes and outstanding 2020 Utilities is **December 31, 2020**.

All outstanding taxes and utilities will be transferred to Taxes in Arrears on January 1, 2021 and will start accruing interest.

#### FRUITVALE MEMORIAL CEMETERY -**FENCE UPGRADE**

Residents may have noticed work being carried out at the Fruitvale Memorial Cemetery recently.

We are happy to report that the installation of the new fence along the front of the cemetery is nearing completion.



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

As we return to many of our normal activities while keeping a safe physical distance from others, please remember to support our local merchants, suppliers and services.

Let's all support the businesses that support us!





#### **PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

The Public Art Committee has chosen an art project to be displayed in the Rain Garden at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre, but we aren't telling you what it is, 🔵 you'll have to wait for the unveiling in the early spring.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Snow and Ice Management Costs**

- costs the Village of Fruitvale approximately \$16,000 each maior snowfall to provide the Village's current level of snow management and ice control services.
- The Village budget includes 6 major snowfall events each year with Village taxpayers paying a total of \$96,000 for snow management and ice control services.
- To provide residential snow plowing and sanding on weekends or after hours increases the costs for each snow event by \$2,500 to a total of \$18,500 which increases the total costs of snow management and ice control services to \$111,000.
- This increase translates into an extra \$22.00 in taxes payable by residents owning a home valued at \$350,000.



#### BEAVER VALLEY HAMPER PROGRAM



The United Way of Trail & District is pleased to announce that the Beaver Valley Food Action Initiative" (BVFAI) is once again preparing Christmas food hampers for 2020. All residents of the United Way Beaver Valley (Montrose, Area "A" RDKB and Fruitvale) living on low income are eligible for a Trail and District Christmas Hamper. Applications will be available beginning November 2 at Liberty Foods, Fruitvale and Montrose Village Offices, Beaver Valley Food Bank and the United Way website.

#### The deadline to return a completed application form is December 4, 2020.

If you have been an annual donor to the former "Fruitvale Community Chest" and wish to continue to support the Hamper program and future BVFAI programs, please contact Naomi McKimmie (250-364-0999 or naomi@uwtraildistrict.org) at the United Way office and she will be happy to assist you with ensuring your donation continues to stay local by adding your name to our new BVFAI Campaign mailing list. You may also donate at www.uwtraildistrict.org (in the comment box of the donation form just write "Beaver Valley" or "BV", this will let us know that you want your donation to stay in the Beaver Valley). Thank you for your support and generosity for those less fortunate.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

#### **BEAVER VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB**

Currently Champion Lakes Park is closed due to the Fuel Reduction Program. BC Parks assures the Club that the contractors will be finished and out of the area by December 15, 2020 at the latest. Once the contractors have left and when there is sufficient snow, the tracking and grooming of trails will commence.

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON SALE NOW** at Country Roads in Fruitvale, Gericks in Trail and at the Salmo Outdoor Store in Salmo. Costs: Single Membership - \$35 before November 30, 2020 and \$40 afterwards.

#### **BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION**

RDKB staff have been working on a Return to Safe Operations plan for BV Recreation and BV Arena. We are now looking at starting up programs and possibly public skating in January (dependant on when facilities/halls re-open).

The main doors to the Arena will remain closed to the public for now. Organizations and individuals who have ice booked, will be permitted in the arena during those pre-booked times.

Please call Kelly Walker at 250-367-9319 to book ice rentals or if you have any questions.

#### **BEAVER VALLEY THRIFT STORE**

The Beaver Valley Thrift Store, located above the Fruitvale Pharmacy, is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Clean and undamaged donations are being accepted on those days. Please do not leave donations on the sidewalk outside the doors on or at the bottom of the stairs. All donations are to be brought upstairs to the store.

The Thrift Store is staffed by volunteers. Please be kind to them by following the donation drop-off rules.

Beaver Valley Thrift Store can be found on Facebook. Any changes to the opening times will be posted on their Facebook page.

Thank you to the volunteers for providing this service to the citizens of the Beaver Valley!



# **CAREGIVER GROUP**



A six week online group supporting those caring for Seniors (55+).

Exploring health and well-being of caregivers, organisation and techniques for caregiving.

No device? No problem! Contact us to borrow one When: Weekly sessions between
November 9 - December 14,
1.5 hours/week, time of the
meeting dependent on
participants' availability.

Where: Zoom link and instructions provided upon registration

Please contact Cara at 1-888-212-2337 or <u>wkbcsp@gmail.com</u> to register.









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# CANDY CANE LANE

# A Village of Fruitvale Council Spirit Event

#### **CANDY CANE LANE**

With COVID-19 regulations in place, Candy Cane Lane will look a little different this year starting with the date it will be held on, which has changed to Saturday, November 28 from Noon-3:00 pm. Pole Yard Lane will be closed to vehicular traffic for this event. There will be a Christmas Market and Santa will still pay a visit however children will not be able to sit on Santa's lap.

New this year will be an interactive colouring contest for ages 5 to 100. The colouring book will have pictures showcasing the history of Fruitvale. Contestants will need to colour the pages and answer the quiz questions. Members of the Public Art Committee will judge the submissions and the winners will be awarded a prize in each age category!

Currently we have confirmed vendors at the market selling various artwork, metalworks, woodworks, paintings, bath products, wine barrel crafts, popcorn, hot chocolate and more.

Since there will not be a Breakfast with Santa or the Jingle Express Train to raise money for the Beaver Valley Food Bank, we will be accepting monetary donations for the Beaver Valley Food Bank at the Village of Fruitvale tent.

Hand sanitation will be required and masks should be worn if able to wear one.

We hope the community will come out in support of this spirit event. Watch your mailbox for more information on this event later in the month.

#### CANDY CANE LANE CHRISTMAS MARKET—VENDORS WANTED

The Village of Fruitvale Spirit Event organizers are looking for vendors to be part of the Candy Cane Lane Christmas Market on Saturday, November 28 from Noon - 3:00 pm. Cost for space at this Christmas Market is \$10. We will be donating the registration fees to the Beaver Valley Food Bank. Vendors must be self-sufficient, ie: have their own table, tent and, if wanting to stay warm at their site, a propane heater and propane. All Provincial Health Officer COVID-19 regulations for Vending Markets will be enforced. Vendors will be required to have hand sanitizer available at their vendor station.

ALL PRO REALTY

To register and book your space for the Candy Cane Lane Christmas Market, please contact Vickie at 250-512-9379 or vickief@telus.net

#### **RE/MAX ALL PRO REALTY 5th ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

RE/MAX All Pro Realty will be collecting toys and gifts for local children and families in need this Christmas, to be donated to the BV Gifts for Children and the local Salvation Army.

The 5th Annual Re/Max All Pro Realty Toy Drive will run from the middle of November to the middle of December. Toys and gifts can be dropped off at the Re/Max All Pro Realty offices in Trail or Rossland.

To make it easier for local residents to drop off gifts, Re/Max All Pro Realty will have a booth setup at Candy Cane Lane on Saturday, November 28.

Thank you for your support of this annual event! If you have any questions about the toy drive, please contact Re/Max All Pro Realty at 250 -368-5000.

#### **BEAVER VALLEY NITEHAWKS**

The Beaver Valley Nitehawks may not be on the ice this season, but that doesn't mean fundraising stops.

Come lend your support to the BV Nitehawks at their tent at Candy Cane Lane on Saturday, November 28. There will be awesome Beaver Valley Nitehawks' merchandise for sale as well as a team fundraiser.

Join us on Candy Cane Lane and get your Christmas shopping off to a great start!

Thank you for your support.



# BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH AGE FRIENDLY IN THE BEAVER VALLEY

#### Personal Update from the BV Age Friendly Coordinator's Desk

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their understanding, support and prayers as my family and I recover from a life-changing event. We are so grateful and humbled to have such an amazing community around us. Many heartfelt thanks from the Bradford Family.

#### **Seniors' Coffee and Luncheons**

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances last month, the monthly Zoom meeting had to be cancelled, however, thanks to our Council liaison and wonderful volunteers, Larry Fitzpatrick and Colleen and Brian Prodaniuk, the Age Friendly luncheon proceeded as planned. Meals were provided to 101 Beaver Valley seniors! Thank you so much to everyone who pulled together to help make this happen!



#### **Upcoming Caregiver Support Group**

A six-week online group supporting those caring for Seniors (55+). Exploring health and well-being of caregivers, organization and techniques for caregiving. Weekly sessions between November 9 - December 14, 1.5 hours/week. The time of the meeting is dependent on participants' availability. Zoom link and instructions provided upon registration. Please contact Cara at 1-888-212-2337 or wkbcsp@gmail.com to register.

#### **Email list**

BV Age Friendly is gathering a list of email addresses for Beaver Valley seniors so we can have more options to remain connected and share information, etc. We would love to include **you** on our email list and have you come and join us for our Zoom coffee meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you do choose to participate, your name will be entered to win a \$25 Walmart gift certificate! For more information or to register, please contact Shawna at 250-921-9464 or by email at **bvafcoordinator@gmail.com**.

#### **November Age Friendly Activities:**

**November 5, 12, 19 & 26 – "Easy- Does-It" Walking Group** (meet at the upper mall entrance of the Waneta Plaza Thursdays @ 10:00 – 11:00 am).

We will be strolling inside the mall to avoid the ice & snow and enjoying a cup of coffee in the centre of the mall afterward for those who would like to catch-up socially-distant style! We will be maintaining social distancing and maintaining a list of participants. Pre-register by contacting Shawna at 250-921-9464 or email **bvafcoordinator@gmail.com**.

November 10 – Age Friendly Zoom Coffee Meeting 10:00am–12:00pm (pre-register for the monthly Coffee Meeting being held through Zoom videoconferencing by calling Shawna at 250-921-9464 or by email to bvafcoordinator@gmail.com and please include your phone number & email address.

November 24 – Boxed Lunch Pick-Up will be ready for pick-up at Fruitvale Memorial Hall on Tuesday, November 24 between 12:30–1:30 pm. Donations will be accepted which will be used to fund future Age Friendly programs and services. Seniors must pre-register for a boxed lunch by calling Shawna @ 250-921-9464 or by email to bvafcoordinator@gmail.com. Please include name, phone number, number of meals and residential area. Cut-off for ordering boxed lunch is November 18.



#### **Contact Info:**

Are you looking for information on local services or programs for seniors? Contact Shawna Bradford, BV Age Friendly Coordinator at 250-921-9464 or email to <a href="mailto:bvafcoordinator@gmail.com">bvafcoordinator@gmail.com</a>

Wishing everyone in our Age Friendly Community a Cozy & Healthy November!

Warmly, Shawna





