

FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS



October 2021

Unfortunately, we are having problems with the alarm system at the Gym, so we have had to postpone the reopening.

We hope to have the Gym opened by mid-October and will keep residents posted on the reopening date.

When the Gym does reopen, the maximum capacity will be 3 people in the Gym at any one time. The following rules will apply:

- Must have photo ID and proof of both COVID-19 vaccinations upon registration.
- Users must sanitize before entering the facility.
- Social distancing must be practised at all times.
- Users must clean all equipment after use with supplied wipes (ensure all handles, seats, rollers, tracks and all touch points are sanitized).
- No oscillating fans are allowed as the ventilation system in the Gym has been upgraded.
- Register at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 1947 Beaver Street, Fruitvale during regular office hours.
- Contact the Village of Fruitvale Office at 250-367-7551 if you have any questions regarding the GYM reopening.

Monthly User Fees and Gym Hours are as follows:

Monthly User Fees:

Security Access Card - \$25.00
Monthly Fee - Seniors - \$15.00
 - Non-Seniors - \$30.00
Replacement Access Card - \$25.00

GYM Hours

Seniors aged 50+: 5:00 am to 10:00 pm
Non-Seniors aged 20 to 49: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Please contact the Village of Fruitvale Office if you have any questions regarding the Gym reopening, 250-367-7551.

WildSafeBC FREE Bear Spray Workshop in Fruitvale

When: October 4th from 5:30 – 7 pm

Where: McInnis Park, Fruitvale

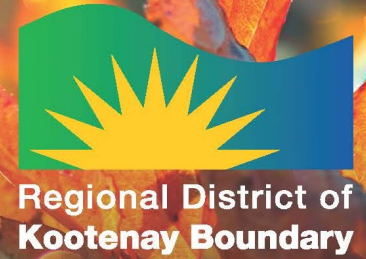
Please email castlegar@wildsafebc.com or call 250-365-8971 to register for this FREE workshop



- Learn about how to prevent bear encounters, what to do in a bear encounter, and how to use bear spray by test firing inert cans of spray.
- Must be 16 years or older to test spray.
- Donations for inert spray are accepted and appreciated.

WildSafeBC: Credit P. Sulzle

Area A - October Update



Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, RDKB

I had the privilege of attending the 2021 Union of BC Municipalities Virtual Conference in mid-September. It was a bit challenging to sit at my computer for 28 hours; however, the conference was full of good information, motivational speakers and many great ideas that will help municipal leaders do their jobs better!

Reconciliation: delegates heard from the Honourable Murray Sinclair, former Senator, who spoke on the traumas caused by Residential Schools, and shared his thoughts on how we might move forward on the issues of reconciliation. To move forward, Sinclair suggested that local leaders work to change the thinking of non-Indigenous people. Sinclair believes another key to moving forward lies within our education systems. Delegates also heard that First Nations people are clear on what they need to make their Nations better. John Jack, elected member of Council for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation said, "Our people are all trying to become what they would have been if history had given them a different path."

Heat Wave/Heat Dome: We heard emotional testimony from those who lost neighbours during the June heat dome. This happened largely in high density urban communities among low income people whose homes lacked air conditioning, where buildings lacked shade, and among seniors who lived alone. As one New Westminster councillor said, "It was the decisions from twenty years ago NOT to act that caused these deaths," and called on us for "immediate and serious action as a matter of life and death." The unprecedented temperatures led to more than 570 fatalities.

Modernizing Forest Policy: The Province will continue to engage and consult with Indigenous People, local governments, the forest industry, labour and other interest groups to modernize forest policy. Minister Conroy spoke about better utilization of the fibre we have access to, with an increased focus on the *forest bio-economy*: maximizing the use of biomass, adding economic value to forestry products, and offering opportunities for diversification. Locally, we often hear about the need to get the right log to the right mill. My belief is that our local company, ATCO Wood Products, is a leader in forestry practice and policy development.

Area A - October Update (cont.)

Attainable Housing: Talks focused on current trends in housing affordability, the challenges of insufficient data, and considerations on how communities can meet core housing needs. Responses to the pandemic have seen an increased demand for homeownership, people leaving cities, and increased homelessness. As we emerge from the pandemic, all levels of government are faced with housing challenges.

Supporting Resilient Communities: Ministers shared their thoughts on planning for emergencies by becoming FireSmart, improving internet connectivity to broaden educational and economic opportunities; evolving forestry management practices, and learning how to adapt and mitigate climate change.

Minister Meetings: As Chair of the RDKB Education & Advocacy Committee, I, along with our Board Chair and other RDKB Board members and staff met with Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to lobby for increased funding for Libraries, which offer learning and internet access for low incomes folks. We also met with Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance, asking that our province lobby the federal government to implement the one per cent wealth tax, to help offset costs of social and community services that benefit all Canadians, regardless of socio-economic status. We also requested a future meeting with Ministry Staff to discuss issues in long-term care facilities to ensure safe and adequate seniors' care.

Keynote Address from Rick Mercer: Journalist Jody Vance hosted an enjoyable chat with Rick as he shared his views on federal election campaign antics, and national protests. Rick noted, "There is a palpable anger you can see at the recent protests. But if there are 15 people there, the only thing they have in common is that they are angry. The question for me is: how do we get people back with the program so they aren't picketing a hospital?" Vance asked if Mercer felt hopeful that those voices could be channeled productively. Mercer said he was hopeful: "If people are screaming about not wanting to get vaccinated, or losing their freedom, I have to think it is about something else." Mercer also reflected on the degree of change that is taking place: "I used to think the 60s was a time of dramatic societal change, and that nothing could ever match that. And now in my lifetime - with serious climate change, Black Lives Matter, the global pandemic - anything that happened in the 60s seems quaint. If I woke up and there were spaceships over Toronto it wouldn't surprise me - nothing would surprise me." It was uplifting to hear Rick Mercer's perspectives.

Summary: Some great technologies, including a platform called Spatial Chat, helped facilitate a great UBCM Virtual Conference. Delegates could move easily between forums, workshops, and voting sessions efficiently. However, nothing will ever replace the lively banter of 1000 BC politicians in a large arena, which was how we met prior to the pandemic. I look forward to meeting with other municipal leaders in person next year!

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held via Zoom Video Conference

Utilities Committee
Wednesday, October 13
11:00 am

Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 13
1:00 pm

**BV Regional Parks and
Regional Trails Committee**
Tuesday, October 19
9:00 am

East End Services Committee
Tuesday, October 19
10:30 am

Electoral Area Services
Thursday, October 14
10:30 am

Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 29
1:00 pm



Village of Fruitvale - October Update

Mayor Steve Morissette

As Fall is upon us I hope everyone is healthy and safe.

In light of recent vandalism at our Elementary school, to village and personal property, and drinking in our parks, Council and staff have invited our local RCMP staff sergeant to meet with us and discuss response and preventative measures. If a block watch style of program is believed to be part of a solution, we will be looking for a person or organization to spearhead the program. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience with the inconvenience of the Columbia Gardens Road closure while the contractor completes connection and stubbing-out water and sewer lines from under the road for the development of the Middle School site. This is being done now as Columbia Gardens Road is scheduled to be paved in a few weeks, therefore now is the time to do this work.

Planning moves ahead with the approved affordable housing complex on the Middle School site. We are still very hopeful of success with our application for a childcare space on the site. All options continue to be looked at for demolition and/or possible repurpose of at least a portion of the school. It's important to explore all possibilities to get this development right.

Work continues on Fruitvale's Economic Development and Re-branding project. At the time of this writing we are hosting an economic summit with our consultant, some business owners, Community Futures, Columbia Basin Trust, Lower Columbia Investment Corporation, staff and Council.

Lots happening, it is going to be an exciting and eventful Fall. Be kind, be calm, and be safe.

Village of Fruitvale

Upcoming Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Meetings are held at 4:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693>

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693 and in person at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

Regular Council - October 4, 2021

Committee of the Whole - October 18, 2021

Outstanding 2021 Water, Sewer and Garbage Utilities

Reminder to Village of Fruitvale Home Owners - The 2021 water, sewer and garbage invoices are due October 31, 2021. All outstanding utilities will have a 10% penalty applied on November 1, 2021. All outstanding amounts at January 1, 2022 will be transferred to property taxes in arrears and will accrue daily interest.

Acceptable payment methods are on-line banking, e-transfer to finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca (please include your account number), cheque and cash.

Winter Preparations

In preparation for the upcoming snow removal season, the Public Works Department asks residents to remove all recreational vehicles, basketball hoops, construction material, solar lights, flower planters, and such from boulevards. Boulevards should be cleared of such items by October 25, 2021.

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.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Village of Fruitvale has a bylaw to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to public parks and spaces?

The Village of Fruitvale Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 829, 2011 specifies park regulations, signage, video surveillance, hours of operations and enforcement/penalties. For instance, it is an offence to permit a dog in any park unless it is under the control of a competent person (and on a leash as per the Animal Responsibility Bylaw No 922); to smoke cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos or any other form of tobacco, marijuana or other combustible matter in a park; to foul or pollute any fountain, pond, stream or other body of water in any public space; to destroy, damage, climb, break, remove or injure any tree, shrub, plant, turf or flowers. These are just a few of the regulations under this Bylaw.

To learn more about Bylaw 829, and other Village bylaws, visit the Village of Fruitvale website under the Services tab at [bylaws and policies](#).

Village of Fruitvale Fall Clean-up - Friday, October 22 and Monday October 25, 2021

Only organic material will be picked up and it must be placed in transparent bags. **Do not use Village of Fruitvale garbage bags for Fall Clean-up. Tree clippings must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and piled in one location at the curb by 7:30 am.

If you choose to dispose of your compostable yard and garden material yourself, the McKelvey Creek Landfill Site in Trail, BC accepts this material at a cost. Be prepared to empty your bags at the disposal area.

Trash to Treasure Day Saturday October 23, 2021

How to Participate

1. Collect unwanted household items.
2. Place your treasures by the curb where treasure hunters can access them without disrupting traffic.
3. Create a sign to let treasure hunters know that your items are up for grabs.
4. Remove all your remaining items by 4:00 pm.

This 1-day event is your chance to help reduce waste by giving away your good used household items and claiming treasures from your neighbours!

Participants are reminded to practice safe social distancing protocols while treasure hunting (wash and disinfect items, sanitize hands and keep 2 meters distance).

Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

BVYAN continues to meet electronically on Zoom. An information flyer and calendar is being distributed to students at Fruitvale Elementary and J.L. Crowe schools this month.

Planning is underway for BVYAN Halloween Bash on Friday, October 29. More information on this event to follow. Contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join and don't forget to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club.

Garbage Collection Frequency Change

Village of Fruitvale residents are reminded that October marks the change in the garbage collection frequency. October 19 and 20 will be the last weekly garbage collection. November 2 and 3 starts garbage collection every other week, coinciding with recycling week.

Please refer to the calendar below for October collection dates.

OCTOBER						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

LEGEND

- South Side Garbage
- North Side Garbage
- South Side Recycling
- North Side Recycling
- Fall Clean-up

Be Bear Aware

How you can help ensure bears don't get habituated to our residential areas:

- Keep household garbage and recycling in a secure location until the morning of garbage and recycling day
- Bring garbage cans and recycling bins in from the curb after collection
- Keep garbage cans and recycling bins clean
- Ensure fruit trees are picked and the area under the trees are kept clear of fallen fruit
- Clean BBQ after each use
- Keep pet food indoors

Staying Active in the Beaver Valley

We are still looking for photos showing how you stay active in the Beaver Valley to showcase in our upcoming newsletters. Send your photos to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca



Beaver Valley Recreation Update

OCTOBER 2021

Recreation goings-on from the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee (BV Rec).

For a full range of BV Rec programs, brochures & schedules visit rdkb.com/bvrec.

Update on Summer Parks & Rec Programs Trails Expansion for Beaver Valley

At a recent meeting of the Beaver Valley Regional Parks and Regional Trails Committee, the Committee discussed the future of trails and land use in the Beaver Valley. There was positive support, especially for the expansion of the Webster Road Trail, which would create a north to south connector loop. This loop would provide for a safer passage through the area, a longer experience on the trail and for the potential to see the magnificent views in the lower part of the valley. The Beaver Valley Regional Parks and Regional Trails Committee will be looking at formulating a plan to complete this loop next summer in conjunction with the Kootenay Columbia Trails Society. Stay tuned for more information as we will be announcing a trails meeting in the new year.



Bike Pump Park Update

The bike pump park in lower Mazzochi Park, which is located on the Scouts property, has started construction and is expected to be completed by the middle of October. Please be cautious when entering the area as we have equipment operators working on the site. The grand opening is scheduled for next spring pending Covid restrictions.



For more information about any projects, please contact Mark Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation, mdaines@rdkb.com

The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee (BV Rec) meets monthly; the meeting schedule is available at rdkb.com

Beaver Valley Recreation Programs

All Adult Programs will require proof of double vaccination. Youth programs and public skating are currently exempt from showing proof of vaccination. All instructors at every program will be double vaccinated.

Babysitting Course – Saturday, Nov. 20, 9am-5pm, \$65, ages 11+

Stay Safe Home Alone – Saturday, Nov. 27, 9am – 1:30pm, \$40, ages 9+

Wreath Making hosted by Earthy Organics Farm and Jeanine Powell. In this workshop, you will make a handmade wreath to hang during this holiday season. Includes a wreath ring form, greens and a bow. BYO gloves and clippers – Saturdays, Nov. 20 or Nov. 27, 1-4pm, \$50 each class, Fruitvale Memorial Hall. To register, please call Wendy at 604-315-2773

Seniors Line Dancing - Fridays, starting Oct. 15, 10-11am, Fruitvale Memorial Hall

Gentle Yoga with Wendy Robertson – Tuesdays, 7-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x punch pass or \$14 drop-in, Fruitvale Memorial Hall

A.C.T. (Aerobics Chair Tone) Fitness Class – Tue & Thurs, starting Oct. 5, 9:45-10:45am, Fruitvale Memorial Hall, \$90 for 10x pass or \$11 drop in. To register, please call Violet at 250-367-6448

Astrology Birth Chart Workshop - Tuesday, Nov. 9, 6-9pm, \$55, Tentatively at Montrose Hall

Seniors Line Dancing - Fridays, starting Oct. 15, 10-11am, Fruitvale Memorial Hall

Public Skating – Tuesdays/Thursdays Toonie Skates from 10-11am, Saturdays Oct. 9, 16, 30 from 4:30-6pm, Sundays (Glow Skates) Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 3-4:30pm. \$2.50 child, \$3.50 adult, \$9.00 Family

Pro-D Day Skate – Friday, Oct. 22, 1-2:30pm

Halloween Skate – Sunday, Oct. 31, 3-4:30pm. Wear your Halloween costume and get in FREE!

Skate and Shoot with the Nitehawks – Sunday, Nov. 21, 3-4:30pm

Ages 3-8 drop-in hockey is on Oct.10 from 5:30-6:30pm, Oct. 22 from 10-11am and Oct. 24 from 5-6pm. Nets and pucks are provided. Full gear is recommended. \$5 admission at skate shop.

Ages 9-15 drop-in hockey is on Oct. 3 from 6:30-7:30pm, Oct. 17 from 5-6pm and Oct. 22 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Full hockey gear is required. Nets and pucks are provided. \$5 admission at skate shop.

BV Recreation will gradually begin programming. At time of print, the Montrose Hall and FES gymnasium are not available. We are always looking for instructors and are currently looking to hire a Tiny Tot Skating Instructor who can teach ages 3 to 5-year-olds during the daytime.

To register for any of the above programs, please call Kelly at 367-9319 or email kwalker@rdkb.com

Beaver Valley Public Library

Kids Craft Bags

Ages: 5-12; Pick-up only.

Tuesdays from September 14 - November 30,

Please call the Library at 250-367-7114 to register for this free program.

New Beaver Valley Library Hours:

Monday - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Wednesday - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Thursday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Beaver Valley Blooming Society AGM

The Beaver Valley Blooming Society is holding their 2021 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30pm at BV Curling Club, 125 Pine Avenue, Fruitvale. Proof of double vaccination and masks are required to attend. Current and new members are welcome to attend - we hope to see you there.

Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue Station 376 Fruitvale - Paid On-Call Firefighters Needed

Are you interested in firefighting and serving your community? Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue Station 376 - Fruitvale needs firefighters. Application forms can be picked up at KBRFR Headquarters located at #201-843 Rossland Avenue, Trail BC.

Applicants must be 19 years or older and possess a valid driver's license. Applications must include a driver's abstract and criminal record check. Criminal record checks will be returned and all information will be kept confidential. If you have any questions please contact Regional Fire Chief Dan Derby at 250-364-1737 Monday to Friday, between 8:00am - 4:00pm.



BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2021 AGE FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

The next Tuesday Take Away Lunch is on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Please register with the Village Office by telephone at 250-367-7551 or email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca with the name(s) of who the lunch is for, the municipality where you live and your phone number on or before October 13, 2021. Lunches must be picked up between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm at the front door of the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Please ensure a mask is worn when picking up lunches. Please contact Vickie if you need to cancel your lunch, 250-512-9379.

BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY IPAD PROJECT UPDATE



The Age Friendly program was awarded a grant from Employment and Social Development Canada's New Horizon for Seniors Program to purchase iPads for seniors in the community. To date approximately half of the recipients have received their iPads along with an introductory lesson.

It has been amazing to see how quickly people have taken to the new technology, including a few who had no previous experience with computers or tablets and can now comfortably email, text, video call or use social media!

Learning new technology can be challenging but these Beaver Valley seniors are proving you're never too old to start, way to go!!

More iPads will be given out over the next couple of weeks and there are still a few available. Interested seniors living in the Beaver Valley may apply if they meet the following criteria: you have volunteered/assisted with the BV Age Friendly Program, you don't currently own an iPad newer than 5 years old; you are willing to attend at least two lessons; you have internet at home (or are willing to have it installed).

To apply, please contact the Village Office at 250-367-7551 or email info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca



STAYING ACTIVE PHOTOS NEEDED

The Village of Fruitvale and RDKB Area A are looking for pictures showing how residents stay active in the Beaver Valley. One page of the monthly Fruitvale and Area A newsletter has been dedicated for showcasing residents staying active. Please send your 'staying active' photos to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca and we will publish them in future newsletters.

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