

FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Join us at the cenotaph on **Friday, November 11th, 10:45 sharp**, for the 2022 Remembrance Day Service.

There will be an opportunity for the laying of wreaths. Wreaths must be ordered from the Trail Legion. To order your wreath, please

contact the Trail Legion at 250-364-1422 as soon as possible.

If you would like to have your wreath announced at the ceremony, please send your name and who the wreath is in memory of to Karen at info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca so we can include it on our list. If you prefer to not have your wreath announced, there will be an opportunity to lay your wreath immediately following the laying of the announced wreaths.

Following the Service, attendees are invited to grab a hot drink and a cookie served by the members of the South Columbia Search and Rescue. Thank you to RDKB Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve for funding the refreshments and to the SCSAR members for serving them.

November 2022

Fruitvale Christmas Craft Fair

The Fruitvale Memorial Centre will be buzzing with crafters from the Kootenays and shoppers from the surrounding area during the Fruitvale Christmas Craft Fair being held on **Friday, November 11 from Noon to 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Seasonal, household, practical and novelty items will fill the hall and provide a generous variety of wares, all original and locally produced.

Please come out and support the Craft Fair sponsored by the Friends of the Beaver Valley Library.

Admission is \$2.00, however there will be no refreshments this year. Masks are appreciated.



Are You Bear Aware?

The bears are out in full force getting ready for hibernation. Here's some ways 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.

To learn more about being bear aware and what to do if you encounter a bear, come to the Bear Aware Workshop at Mazzochi Park on **Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 am.**



Mazzochi Park, Fruitvale
Sunday, November 6th. 11am



Wildlife safety

Find out what to do if you encounter a bear
Bearspray practice (16 yrs+)



The Next Four Years

Once again, I am grateful to be able to work for Area A residents, and with the Villages of Fruitvale and Montrose, including all of our neighbours in the Lower Columbias! Welcome to the newly elected: I look forward to working with all of you.

As a representative for Area A on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), I help to oversee over 71 different services and therefore, 71 separate budgets. We will kick off our meetings this fall with a review of the various work plans for each service, as we tie those to their respective budgets.

As in past elections, the RDKB will hold "RDKB 101" for the newly elected. We will also review and update our Strategic Plan, with amendments and additions that reflect current and future needs.

For folks new to political office, here are some survival tips:

- Understand your role & lines of authority
- Be prepared: it is obvious when you have not read the agenda
- Learn as much as you can about your area: water/sewer/bylaws/budgets etc.
- Ask questions: you will become better informed & more effective
- Don't try to please everyone: it's impossible
- It's ok to admit when you don't know: just say so & then find the answer
- Seek opinions from others & listen: be open to new ideas
- It's ok to respectfully disagree: then move on
- Get to know your team, & be a part of it
- Remember to appreciate your staff
- Finally, don't forget to listen to the people you represent.

Those folks newly elected are now part of the community decision making process. They reside in our larger KB community and will strive to make it a healthy place, where all feel welcome and connected, and where we can all prosper and age in comfort with our children and grandchildren.

I believe in our local politicians' capacity to enhance the quality of life for KB residents, with a focus on improving services while keeping them affordable.

Enjoy your new roles, newly elected.

Let's We Forget

Village of Fruitvale - November Update



Mayor Steve Morissette

Congratulations and welcome to our new Village of Fruitvale Council consisting of Catherine Ellison, Julia Mason, Wes Startup, and Bill Wenman. I'm excited to work with all of you on building the long-term sustainability of the Village through the many projects we have on the go and the new ones that are sure to come up. It is a responsibility we cannot take lightly as many of the decisions made today impact our village for decades.

Councils are very busy throughout the year. In smaller municipalities, Council is not only the governing body, but we often become the community spirit event planners which places an undue burden on a small group of people. I know we have caring community members that cannot make a large commitment but would like to give back to the community. We need a small group to volunteers to spearhead some smaller community spirit events, with Council participation, such as the Remembrance Day Service, the Kick-off to Christmas celebration "Candy Cane Lane", a potential July 1st celebration, and a ceremony to recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. These are key opportunities for our community to gather; it would be great to see a volunteer group with Council's support bring new life and energy to our community through these gatherings. If you are interested in leading or volunteering for one or all of these celebrations, please reach out to the Village Office with your name and contact information and we will help you get organized.

Thank you to the organizers of Fruitvale's incrEdible Market that took place every second Tuesday on Pole Yard Lane. This was a fantastic and successful event for the Valley! Thank you so much to the organizers for your time and effort to put on a very well-organized Market series; we look forward to next year's markets.

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 4:00 pm in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and via Zoom Video Conference at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693> Meeting ID: 335 372 6693

Regular Council
November 7, 2022

Committee of the Whole
November 21, 2022

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Directors' meetings are held in the RDKB Trail Office Boardroom and by Zoom. All other meetings are held by Zoom Video Conference. To receive the login or call in details to attend a meeting, please call 250.368.9148 or email corporate@rdkb.com

Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 9
1:00 pm

Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 23
1:00 pm

Utilities Committee
Cancelled

**BV Regional Parks and
Regional Trails Committee**
Cancelled

East End Services Committee
Cancelled

Electoral Area Services
Cancelled

Did You Know....

- ♦ The Village of Fruitvale has moved its website. As of November 1, 2022, we can be found at <https://fruitvale.ca/>

- ♦ Winter Preparations are underway! All vehicles and recreational vehicles, basketball hoops, construction material, solar lights, flower planters, etc. must be removed from boulevards.

Council has made some changes to the Snow Management & Ice Control Policy #PW-2012-01. **For your safety, the public is expected to dress for snow and icy conditions on road and sidewalks and stay off snow banks and windrows. The Village of Fruitvale is not responsible for personal injuries from ice and snow, or for damage to fences and other objects that may occur during the course of performing regular duties.**

Businesses and residents are expected to contribute to efficient Village snow management and ice control operations in several ways:

1. Property owners are required to maintain sidewalks abutting their property for safe pedestrian traffic and to clear and remove snow after a snowfall. If sidewalks are not maintained by the owner, the Village may arrange clearance and removal and invoice accordingly.
 2. **Windrows left in private driveways are the responsibility of the owner of the property to clear.**
 3. Owners are expected to assist Village crews by clearing storm drains of debris and ice along curbs, gutters and boulevards abutting the owners' property and allowing for the adequate flow of runoff from melting snow.
 4. Downtown Sidewalks – Village crews will remove snow from all sidewalks in the downtown during weekday working hours and proceed with secondary priority sidewalks only after downtown sidewalks are cleared.
 5. **Property owners are required to provide parking off streets and boulevards. Parked vehicles which continually impede snow clearance will be towed away at the owner's expense.**
 6. Property owners are required to remove all vehicles, boats, trailers, basketball nets, etc. from the streets.
 7. The Village of Fruitvale does not accept liability for damage to fences, structures, shrubs and trees caused by routine procedures, including pushing back snow or ice from the streets.
 8. Property owners who place snow by any means from within their private properties onto any street or sidewalk will be invoiced by the Village for time spent clearing the snow.
 9. Boulevards and lanes are to be kept clear of obstructions.
 10. Trucks and plows frequently slow down, turn and back up. The Village will advise residents through public notices to stay well back from trucks and plows for the safety of both the crew and public.
 11. The Village will also advise residents by public notice of the danger of playing on snowbanks adjacent to roads.
- ♦ The Village of Fruitvale now has a bylaw officer who will be patrolling the Village and enforcing

Office & Public Works Closure

The Village of Fruitvale office and public works will be closed for Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11. For emergency matters needing immediate attention, please call 250-367-6162. Our answering service will relay your emergency to our on-call personnel.

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary office will be closed for Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11.

Village of Fruitvale Local Government Election Results

420 eligible voters, out of an estimated 1,611 eligible voters, cast their vote in the 2022 Village of Fruitvale local government election last month, a 26% voter turn out. Acclaimed Mayor Steve Morissette will be joined by Councillors, incumbent Bill Wenman, and newcomers Wes Startup, Julia Mason and Catherine Ellison for the next four years.

MAYOR				
Name	Votes	Elected	Percentage of Vote Received	Previous Office
Steve J Morissette (Stephen John Morissette)	0	X	Acclaimed	Incumbent
COUNCILLOR				
Name	Votes	Elected	Percentage of Vote Received	Previous Office
Wes P Startup (Wesley Paul Startup)	331	X	78.8%	None
Bill M Wenman (William Murray Wenman)	330	X	78.6%	Incumbent
Julia A Mason	323	X	76.9%	None
Catherine A Ellison	268	X	63.8%	None
Jennifer R Krause	130		31%	None
Carrie A Farnum	78		18.6%	None
Lindsay A Kenny	74		17.6%	Incumbent

Boulevard Parking During Snow Removal

Residents are reminded that during the winter months snow is plowed onto the Village boulevard. Residents are required to find off-street parking during the winter months. Anyone parked on the boulevard may be blocked.

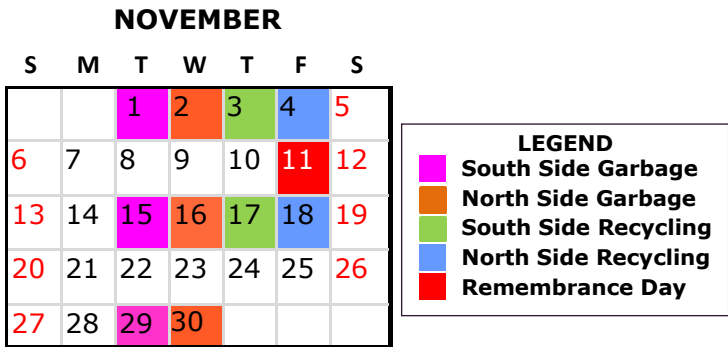
Snow removed to create a boulevard parking space must be stored on private property and not placed back on the street. Anyone found creating a snow berm at the curb to make a “parking space” on the boulevard will be asked to remove it.

Safety and liability issues arise whenever a road is blocked by residents piling snow in travel lanes. 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.

Garbage Collection Frequency Change

Village of Fruitvale garbage collection is now every other week, coinciding with recycling collection week. Please refer to the calendar at right for November collection dates.

Please keep household garbage and recycling in a secure location until the morning of your garbage and recycling day.



Call For Volunteers

The Village of Fruitvale is compiling a list of volunteers to help on various spirit events such as the Remembrance Day Service, Candy Cane Lane, Family Fun Day, Canada Day Celebration, Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony, just to name a few. Help us keep the community engaged and involved. New ideas are always welcome - this is where you are needed!

If you can spare some time to volunteer, send your name and contact information to Karen at info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Discover why some of the richest people in the world are not millionaires, they are volunteers.

Beaver Valley Recreation Programs

Babysitting Course ages 11+ – Sunday, December 18, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Montrose Hall, \$65

Astrology Birth Chart Workshop – Wednesday, November 23, 6:00 – 9:00pm, Montrose Hall, \$60

Zumba – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Montrose Hall, no class November 3

A.C.T. (Aerobics Chair Tone) Fitness – Tues & Thurs, 9:45-10:45am, Montrose Hall

18 Lohan Qigong – Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm, Montrose Hall

Restorative Yoga with Jenny Nicoll – Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall

Gentle Yoga with Jodi Ihas – Thursdays, 7:00-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall, no class Nov. 3 & 10

Senior Line Dancing – Fridays, 10:00-11:00am, Fruitvale Hall, no class Nov. 4 & 11

Pro D Day Skate – November 14 from 1:00 - 2:30pm

BV Youth Action Network Glow Skate – November 18 from 8:00 - 10:00pm for all BV youth ages 12-16 are welcome to attend for FREE!

Shoot with the Nitehawks – November 26 from 4:30-6:00pm, bring your stick and helmet. Regular admission applies.

Food Donation Skate – November 27 from 3:00-4:30pm, bring a non-perishable food item and get into public skating FREE!

Parent & Tot Drop-in Skating/Hockey – November 8, 15, and 22 from 4:00-4:45pm, helmet required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop

Toonie Skates – Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:00am

Ages 4-8 Drop-in Hockey – November 6 & 20 from 5:00-6:00pm, full gear recommended, \$5.00 admission at skate shop

Ages 9-14 Drop-in Hockey – November 13 & 27 from 6:30-7:30pm & November 14 from 11:30am - 12:30pm, full gear required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop

Ladies Drop-in Hockey – November 20 & 27 from 6:30-7:30pm, full gear required, \$10.00 admission at skate shop

To register for any of the above programs, please email Kelly at kwalker@rdkb.com or text/call the Beaver Valley Recreation cell at 250-231-5172.

Beaver Valley Recreation is on Facebook. Please like and follow our page to get up-to-date information on programs and events. Information is also available at www.rdkb.com



Beaver Valley Youth Action Network News

November's BVYAN event will be a **FREE Glow Skate on November 18** at the Beaver Valley Arena from 8:00 to 10:00pm. Refreshments provided. Rentals, skating and refreshments are FREE!

BVYAN is looking for motivated youth who would like to be part of the BVYAN Advisory Board. Please contact Tammy if you're interested.

For more information on youth events or to join BVYAN, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com, and don't forget to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club.

Beaver Valley Public Library

Register now for Fall Craft-to-Go bags at the Beaver Valley Public Library.

Monthly Mother Moose craft-to-Go bags will continue for children ages birth to age 3; if you are interested in signing up for a fun age-appropriate craft email Leah at ill_bvpl@telus.net.

Weekly craft-to-go bags for ages 4 -12; register by phone 250-367-7114 or email Gillian at bvplkids@telus.net or stop by the Library.

BV Public Library Opening Hours are:

Monday to Wednesday - 10:00am to 7:00pm

Thursday and Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday - 10am to 2:00pm

Senior Citizens Branch #44 Events

BV Senior Citizens Branch #44 have resumed seniors' activities held in the Recreation Room at the BV Manor.

Bingo - Mondays - 1:00 - 3:30pm

Lunch and Activity Program - Wednesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please call Brenda at 250-367-3839 or Kris at 250-367-9685 to reserve a spot.

Cards - Thursdays - 1:00 - 4:00pm

Branch #44 will have a bake sale table at the BV Friends of the Library Craft Fair on Saturday Nov. 12 to raise money for seniors' activities.

Again this year, Branch #44 will be assembling gift bags for seniors and they are looking for donations.

Beaver Valley Lions BINGO

BV Lions Club Bingo at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre every Wednesday. Ticket sales start at 5:00pm. Bring a friend or two and have some fun!



BEAVER VALLEY



SENIORS LUNCH

★★★★ SERVED BUFFET ★★★★★

Tuesday, Nov 22

12.30PM
Fruitvale Hall

For individual or group bookings
(6+) RSVP to Kelly by Nov 15th:
250-231-5172 kwalker@rdkb.com

FREE to BV Residents
Toonie donation optional
Draw prizes



Beaver Valley
Recreation

Beaver Valley Blooming Society



Beaver Valley Blooming Society are always looking for volunteers. We'd like to thank the FES Grade 7 students and Ms. Morissette for stepping in and doing the fall clean-up with us. Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

The picture features the group that worked downtown. There were also some students that did clean-up and weeding at the cemetery, however we missed getting your picture, but we truly appreciate your hard work! Thank you all!



People, Plants and Pride Growing Together

Beaver Valley X-Country Ski Club Annual General Meeting and Season Passes

Current and new members are invited to the Beaver Valley X-Country Ski Club's Annual General Meeting being held on **Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00pm** at the Beaver Valley Curling Club downstairs meeting room (enter through Main entrance).

Season passes are now on sale at Gericks Sport in Trail, Country Roads in Fruitvale and Heritage Hub in Salmo. Cost: (cash or cheque only) \$35 pp before November 30, \$40 after November 30. Family pass \$80 before November 30, \$90 after November 30.

Streetlights

With the days getting shorter non-working streets lights are noticed more. Residents are asked to report non-working streetlights to the Village Office at 250-367-7551 or by email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca. We will need to know the problem with the light, its location and, if possible, the number on the pole in order to report the non-working streetlight to FortisBC.

FortisBC will send out a line crew to repair the streetlights however this may take a little time as they prefer to have a few non-working lights to repair when they come to town.

Beaver Valley Food Bank



Part of
Communities in Faith Pastoral Charge

The Beaver Valley Food Bank is now settled into the new location at 1846 First Street, Fruitvale (across from the BV Public Library, in the back corner of the Beaver Valley Thrift Store). The new location gives all volunteers and clients some extra shopping opportunities! Thanks to the Thrift Store for sharing their location. Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to two volunteers - Melva Scott and Bev Turner. Thank you both for all you have done for the BV Food Bank over the years. The Beaver Valley Food Bank volunteers wish to sincerely thank the following:

Thank you to Waneta Sunshine Rotary and Liberty Foods for the Thanksgiving Food Drive that benefitted the Beaver Valley Food Bank. The support received is greatly appreciated - this is the third Food Drive Waneta Sunshine Rotary has sponsored and it greatly benefits our Food Bank and recipients.

Many thanks to Liberty Foods for providing the location and assembling all the bags of food and encouraging people to participate. These bags of food provide many of the articles that are part of our hampers and really help extend our capabilities so we can continue to provide food for those in need.

Thank you to Ryan Catto, Manager at Trail Walmart and the Walmart employees for their support. Ryan also encouraged us to apply for their Community Grants program that provides support to local charities. The Beaver Valley Food Bank was amongst the successful applicants - thank you so much!

The Beaver Valley area is such a generous population and the donations the food bank receives greatly add to our capability to continue serving those in need. We are proud to be part of such a great community!

RDKB takes bold climate action to secure low carbon resilient future

Following its approval at Board level, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) has published its Climate Action Plan. It outlines the low carbon, bold and streamlined approach that it will take to secure a resilient and net-zero future in the RDKB by 2050.

It includes six guiding principles, six climate action goals, 19 pathways for corporate action, and 53 pathways for community action that spell out the framework needed to realise the transformative change required and accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy.

RDKB's Climate Action Plan was developed through a combination of research and engagement with RDKB staff, stakeholders and the public that began last Fall. The RDKB will play a mix of direct, partnership and advocacy roles within it to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from RDKB's corporate operations and community activities across the RDKB electoral areas. It will also help prepare local people for climate change, increase their resiliency towards it and boost their ability to adapt.

"Read the plan and help us achieve our climate vision! Whether you're an RDKB resident or a business operating in the region, you'll have felt the impact of climate change. It's all around us in the form of record-setting wildfires, flooding and extreme heat waves, drought and storm events but there are areas we can collectively focus our efforts on, for maximum benefit," says Freya Phillips, RDKB's Senior Energy Specialist who led the plan development. "Our plan maps the way forward and incorporates all the valuable, insightful feedback we received from the public who took the time to share their concerns about the changing climate. There were many inspiring stories describing what local people are doing to positively manage climate change in their lives too. It is possible and there are so many ways that the RDKB can help them to reduce emissions and increase resiliency even further," she adds.

Incorporating climate adaptation, preparedness and mitigation, RDKB's Climate Action Plan is guided by six principles that recognize the importance of Leadership, Practical actions, Affordability as well as Collaboration, Co-benefits, and Health. Together they serve to realise its Climate Vision: *"To create a region that provides opportunities and access for everyone to live, work and play in a low carbon manner. To work together to create a resilient and sustainable community that enables residents and businesses to adapt to our changing climate, while protecting and enhancing our natural environment."*

"The more we reduce total GHG emissions in the short term, the less extreme the changes to our climate will be over time," explains Phillips. "As a community we've started taking a proactive approach through our low carbon action for buildings, changing the way we heat and cool houses, how we transport ourselves around the region and how we dispose of organic waste in landfill. Climate action is a shared responsibility that reduces the negative impact on property, insurance premiums, stress & anxiety, water availability, tourism, extreme weather and the emergency services," she adds.

Linda Worley, RDKB's Board Chair and Director of Area B/Lower Columbia-Old Glory says: "This plan is an example of collaboration and resourcefulness at its finest. A real team effort. Multiple departments have contributed their expertise and have built upon existing work to maintain momentum. It shows what is already being actioned, the important role that rural and small communities can play in addressing climate change and how the RDKB can support them."

RDKB's Climate Action Plan can be accessed via its website:

<https://rdkb.com/Portals/0/EnvironmentalServices/Climate/RDKB-Climate-Action-Plan-2022.pdf>



The Technical Advisory Group

Back row:

Mark Stephens (Manager of Emergency Management),
Goran Denkovski (Manager of Infrastructure & Sustainability),

Front Row:

Freya Phillips (Senior Energy Specialist),
Donna Dean (Manager of Planning & Development).