

# FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS

**September 2022**

## **WORLD RIVERS DAY - September 25, 2022**

World Rivers Day, celebrated yearly on the fourth Sunday of September, is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of our rivers, strives to increase public awareness about rivers and streams, and encourages their conservation around the world. Rivers in virtually every country face an array of threats, and only through our active involvement can we ensure their health in the years ahead.

To honour World Rivers Day, Village Council is organizing a clean-up of the banks along Beaver Creek. We hope the community will rally around this very worthy event - bring the whole family - it is a good chance to teach the importance of a clean water source for people, fish and wildlife. There will be refreshments too for all the volunteers. See you there!

Thank you to RDKB Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve for generously funding this community event.



**World Rivers Day**

Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of September

***Beaver Creek Clean-up Day  
Sunday, September 25, 2022  
2:00 - 4:00 pm***

In conjunction with World Rivers Day, the Village of Fruitvale Mayor and Council cordially invite all area residents to take part in a community volunteer event to pick up debris and garbage along the banks of Beaver Creek on Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Meet in the empty lot beside Creekside RV Park for instructions. Bring your trash grabber/picker if you have one. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

Refreshments will be available for the volunteers.

Funding for this community volunteer event generously provide by RDKB Area A Director Ali Grieve











**Beaver Creek**



## Area A 2021 Census - Recounted and Corrected!

Earlier this year, I initiated a recount of the Area A population numbers following publication of the 2021 Census numbers that showed a 14% decline in the Area A population. I sent a letter to Stats Canada and to our Member of Parliament: Richard Cannings in the spring requesting a review and correction. That resulted in a recount of some local neighbourhoods that we knew had been missed. Please see the changes in the table below. These numbers really DO matter as Provincial and Federal transfer payments to all communities are calculated based on population. Having everyone complete the census forms is also as important as having the counts done properly. I was pretty impressed with the details of the review, and how quickly it was corrected!

2021 Census	Population		Private Dwellings Occupied by Usual Residents		Private Dwellings Other (unoccupied + occupied by Foreign or Temporary Residents)		Total Private Dwellings	
Census Subdivision (CSD)	Published Counts	Revised Counts	Published Counts	Revised Counts	Published Counts	Revised Counts	Published Counts	Revised Counts
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## Updates on Fruitvale Elementary School

A few months ago, I wrote about the need for upgrades to Fruitvale's elementary school. Mayors Morissette, Walsh and I wrote letters to School District 20, advocating for improvements to both the interior and exterior of the school. Some of that work has begun! School District Reps advised that Phase 1, happening now, is the re-cladding of the entire school which is expected to be completed by April 2023. Some window replacement will also be part of Phase 1. Phases 2 and 3 will not commence until Phase 1 is complete and new money is budgeted from the Ministry of Education.

There is a commitment to complete all three stages over the next three years, if not sooner. We local politicians are grateful to the School District and the Province for the needed upgrades. The "look" of the school does matter as it reflects the overall aesthetic of our beautiful village.

## General Updates

**Beaver Valley Manor:** also getting a nice new look! Thanks to a very dedicated Manor Board and a funding partnership with Columbia Basin Trust.

The **Pickleball Court** at Beaver Valley Family Park nears completion with landscaping and fencing still in the works. We will have a ribbon cutting on **September 7th** and hope to have some experts join us to demonstrate the game. That event will take place from 4 pm to 6 pm with many **door prizes** to be given away! Please join us!

The **Bocce Court** behind the Hall adjacent to Creekside Campground is still in the planning stages, as the Village continues to develop and finalize plans for the whole green space on the creek.

**Parking at Mazzochi:** The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee wrote a follow up letter to the Village of Fruitvale on June 1st regarding the purchase of #1705 Columbia Gardens Road, the property adjacent to Mazzochi Park. The BV Rec committee has been invited by the Village to discuss this proposal which will help to address parking concerns. Stay tuned.

## These Past Four Years

Time does fly when you are having fun, and I sure am! I absolutely enjoy my role as Area A Director and thank you again, for allowing me to continue to promote Area A interests. Together, we create this happy, healthy community in the Beaver Valley! I love everything about where we live, and feel grateful each and every day!





### Mayor Steve Morissette

September already! Let's hope we have our usual beautiful September weather to finish off summer. I hope everyone has been able to have a little break this summer to enjoy and appreciate the beautiful area we live in.

This September ushers in the Municipal Election period for the October 15<sup>th</sup> Election. Nomination packages are available at the Village Office and may be handed in between August 30 and September 9; I encourage anyone that has interest in serving their community to reach out to myself or any elected official in the area to ask what's involved. It is a four-year commitment, but it goes by in the blink of an eye. There are challenging times for sure, but many rewarding times when you can see the community impact of your involvement and the fruition of projects that you work on. If you have some positive energy, a desire to serve your community, a desire for input in the direction forward, throw your hat in the ring. Win or lose it will be a fun challenge and you will learn a lot about yourself.

A big shout out to all of our volunteers in the Valley, from the Thrift Store, Food Bank, BV Thriving Communities Society, BV Lions, BV Manor Society, BV Curling Club, BV Bowlers, Champion Lakes Golf Club, BV Ski Club, BV Snowmobile Club, BV Minor Sports Clubs, BV Nitehawks, BV Figure Skating Club, BV Nursery School, BV Blooming Society, South Columbia Search and Rescue, Seniors Branch 44, Camp Tweedsmuir, the Fruitvale Market and all the individuals who selflessly volunteer their time to our community. I'm sorry if I missed anyone but the point is that every one of the volunteers in our community positively impacts the quality of life in our Valley and we are very grateful for all our volunteers.

### Fruitvale Welcomes a New CAO



Village of Fruitvale Council is excited and pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). After an extensive search, Prab Lashar has been hired as the CAO for the Village of Fruitvale.

Prab has extensive experience in provincial and municipal strategic planning. Her career includes leadership positions in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. She brings 20 years of experience in governance, communications, human resources and business development to the Village.

As municipal leader, Prab is continually building relationships, innovating and engaging the community. Her experience in senior leadership gives her the capacity to work with stakeholders, staff and elected officials, always building alignment in complex ventures. With a robust background in rural and regional government, Prab uses a collaborative approach to strengthen relationships.

Please join us in giving Prab a warm Valley welcome.





**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE  
2022 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS  
NOTICE OF NOMINATION**

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale that nominations for the offices of:

**Mayor – 1 to be elected  
Councillor – 4 to be elected**

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

<b>By hand, mail or other delivery service to:</b> Village of Fruitvale 1947 Beaver Street Box 370, Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0	From 9:00 am Tuesday, <b>August 30, 2022</b> To 4:00 pm Friday, <b>September 9, 2022</b> Excluding statutory holidays and weekends
<b>By fax to:</b> 250-367-9267  <b>By email to:</b> info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca	From 9:00 am Tuesday, <b>August 30, 2022</b> To 4:00 pm Friday, <b>September 9, 2022</b> Excluding statutory holidays and weekends  <b>Originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by 4:00 pm on September 16, 2022.</b>

**Nomination packages are available at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 1947 Beaver Street, Fruitvale, BC until the close of the nomination period, 4:00 pm Friday, September 9, 2022.**

**QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINATORS**

A nomination must be made separately for each candidate by **at least two qualified nominators** of the Village of Fruitvale. A qualified nominator **must** be an elector of the Village of Fruitvale. A qualified nominator can sign as many nomination documents as there are persons to be elected to the applicable office.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day, October 15, 2022;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS**

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2022 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor - \$10,797.83      Councillor - \$5,398.92

**THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS**

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2022 general local elections, the following third-party advertising limits apply: \$809.84

For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third-party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC at: Toll-free phone **1-855-952-0280** ; Email [lecf@elections.bc.ca](mailto:lecf@elections.bc.ca) ; Website [www.elections.bc.ca/lecf](http://www.elections.bc.ca/lecf)

For further information on the **nomination process**, please contact:

Karen Halifax, Chief Election Officer 250-367-7551 or [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)  
Misti Stevens, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-367-7551 or [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

## Village of Fruitvale Property Tax Sale

The Village of Fruitvale's 2022 Tax Sale is scheduled for 10:00 am sharp on Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Village of Fruitvale Office.

Letters have been sent to those property owners in a tax sale situation. If your property taxes are in delinquent status (three years of unpaid taxes - 2020, 2021 and 2022) you must pay the delinquent (2020) taxes before 9:59 am September 26, 2022 to keep your property from being sold at the tax sale.

A listing of tax sale properties will appear in the September 20 and 22 editions of the Trail Times. In order to keep your property from appearing in the newspaper advertisements, the delinquent taxes must be paid in full prior to September 15, 2022.

Payment of delinquent taxes must be made by cash, certified cheque, online banking or electronic transfer of funds.

If you have any questions regarding delinquent taxes or the 2022 Tax Sale, please contact Misti at the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or email [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

## Water, Sewer and Garbage Utilities

Reminder to users:

- All outstanding water, sewer and garbage utilities are due October 31, 2022 to avoid a 10% penalty.
- If you have not already done so, please pick up your allotted package of 20 garbage bags at the Village Office.

If you have any questions regarding 2022 utilities, please contact Misti at the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or email [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

### VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 4:00 pm  
(unless noted below)  
in the Fruitvale Memorial  
Center and via Zoom Video  
Conference at

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

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693

### Public Presentation of the 2021 Annual Report

September 6, 2022

@ 3:45 pm

### Regular Council

September 6, 2022

### Committee of the Whole

September 26, 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

### Utilities Committee

Wednesday, September 21  
11:00 am

### BV Regional Parks and Regional Trails Committee

Thursday, September 8  
4:30 pm

### East End Services Committee

Tuesday, September 20  
10:30 am

### Electoral Area Services

Thursday, September 22  
10:00 am

### Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 28  
1:00 pm

## DID YOU KNOW...

- There is a 'Little Free Library' located at the Harvest Central Community Garden? Feel free to 'take a book and/or leave a book' for yourself and others to enjoy.
- The Harvest Hut at the Harvest Central Community Garden is available to residents to use to sell "make it, bake it or grow it" items? Cost is \$10.00 per day for a special business license. Contact the Village Office for more information.



- The newsletter has a page dedicated for community photos showing how residents stay active in the Beaver Valley? Send your photos to [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) to be showcased in the monthly newsletter.



## Beaver Valley Recreation

**Zumba** – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, Montrose Hall, starts Sept. 6 (omit Sept.15 & 22)

**A.C.T. (Aerobics Chair Tone) Fitness** – Tue & Thurs, 9:45-10:45am, Montrose Hall, starts Sept. 6

**Restorative Yoga with Jenny Nicoll** – Tuesdays, 7-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall, starts Sept. 20

**Gentle Yoga with Jodi Ihas** – Thursdays, 7-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall, starts Sept. 22

**Stay Safe Home Alone ages 9+** – Sunday, Oct. 2, 9am – 2pm, Montrose Hall, \$40

**Line Dancing** – Fridays, 10-11am, Fruitvale Hall, starts Oct. 14

**Babysitting Course ages 11+** – Sunday, October 23, 9am - 5pm, Montrose Hall, \$65

**Astrology Birth Chart Workshop** – Wednesday, Nov. 23, 6 – 9pm, Montrose Hall, \$60

**Age Friendly** – RDKB is still working through the hiring process

**Public Skating** will start in October

**Wendy's fitness** classes should be back in January 2023

**18 Lohan Qigong** – Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm, Montrose Hall, starts Sept. 19 (Northern Chinese equivalent of Yoga and a health practice routine for all age groups)

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

To register for any of the above programs, please email Kelly at [kwalker@rdkb.com](mailto:kwalker@rdkb.com) or text/call the Beaver Valley Recreation Cell at 250-231-5172.

## Burning Bans and Wildfires

As of August 24, 2022, the following activities and equipment are currently prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre:

- [Category 3 open fires](#)
- [Category 2 open fires](#)
- Fireworks
- Sky Lanterns
- Binary Exploding Targets
- [Campfires](#)
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
- Air Curtain Burners
- Tiki and similar kind of torches
- Chimineas, outdoor stoves and other portable campfire apparatuses that are not CSA-approved or ULC-approved.

For more information on fire bans please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/southeast-fire-centre-bans>

**If you see a wildfire or burning ban violation, report it to 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 from your cell phone.**

## Beaver Valley Youth Action Network News

- Looking for motivated youth who would like to be part of the BVYAN Advisory Board. Contact Tammy if you're interested.
- Working with Fruitvale Elementary School to provide a volunteer leadership program this fall.
- An information flyer and calendar will be sent to students at Fruitvale Elementary and J.L. Crowe schools in September.
- Back to School/Halloween Movie Night - TBA

For more information on youth events or to join BVYAN, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at [beavervalleyyan@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bvplkids@telus.net) or stop by the Library.

## Senior Citizens Branch 44 Events

BV Senior Citizens Branch #44 have resumed seniors' activities.

**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

**Membership Meeting** - September 21 - 1:30 pm

Membership cost - \$15/year. Bring your ideas and come join us.

All activities are in the Recreation Room at the Beaver Valley Manor.



## Upcoming Community Events



THE SIPS & SPARKLES COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

# GATSBY GALA NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Ticket sales at Fruitvale Farmers Market,  
3:00 PM Tuesday September 6th.  
Cash only. \$75 per ticket.  
Reservations for tables of 8 or 10.

**See Facebook for more information.**

Sponsored by  
**Beaver Valley Thriving Communities Society**

Themed Ladies Night  
Dress to theme if you wish

(19+ no minors)

NEW

# PICKLEBALL

COURT

BEAVER VALLEY FAMILY PARK



**Join Us!**  
**Ribbon Cutting**  
Weds, 7 Sept • 4 pm - 6 pm  
**Discover the fun**  
Fantastic door prizes • Expert demonstrations




Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary

Beaver Valley  
Recreation



THIS PROJECT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY FUNDING FROM THE COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST AND BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION

# TRUNK & TAILGATE SALE



**Multi Vendor Trunk and Tailgate Sale**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Join us for the newest yard-type sale to hit Fruitvale!**

**Convert your good-quality unwanted treasures to CASH from the trunk of your car or the back of your truck!**

**Anything goes - as long as it's legal**

**Vendors**  
Open to private or commercial sellers

**Cost**  
\$10 per vehicle, paid upon entry  
Free for buyers

**Location**  
Pole Yard Lane, downtown Fruitvale  
No reservations needed, just come on over.

For more information on this event, contact Vince at [vincetrev@yahoo.com](mailto:vincetrev@yahoo.com)  
Proceeds from the entry fee will be donated to the Village of Fruitvale.




## Beaver Valley Lions BINGO is back!

The BV Lions Club members would like to welcome all bingo players back to Wednesday night BINGO at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre beginning September 7.

Bingo ticket sales start at 5:00 pm.  
Bring a friend or two - we hope to see you there!



# WATERSMART UPDATE

## BEAVER VALLEY WATER SERVICE



The Beaver Valley Water Service is currently in **Stage 3** (as of August 4<sup>th</sup>). Most lawns only require about 1 inch of water per week, which usually requires about 20 minutes, or less of watering on the allowed days for a typical sprinkler system.

To help keep your lawn happy in the heat here are some summer lawn care tips:

- Water in the early morning or evening to help reduce evaporation
- Ensure the blade on your lawn mower is sharp
- Keep foot traffic on your lawn to a minimum
- Put off lawn projects like aerating, dethatching and fertilization until it is cooler

The RDKB WaterSmart Ambassador Program ran throughout the summer months informing residents of the Beaver Valley Water Service of ways they can reduce their water use. The WaterSmart program aimed to educate residents about their water use and urged residents to be WaterSmart.

The WaterSmart Program, with financial help from FortisBC, offered free indoor water conservation kits to residents in the Beaver Valley Water Service. These kits included a low flow showerhead, kitchen faucet aerator, and bathroom faucet aerator. Many residents in the Beaver Valley Water Service took advantage of this offer.

Sprinkler system assessments were also offered by the WaterSmart Ambassador throughout the summer. These assessments were a great way to reduce water use as sprinkler systems were checked for leaks and broken sprinkler heads. The distribution of water by these sprinkler systems was also examined and a custom water schedule was developed for each system. These assessments were done on the Village of Fruitvale's public spaces, including Vale Park, Railway Park, Haines Park, and the Cemetery. Thank you to everyone who signed up for sprinkler system assessments.

***Thank you everyone for participating in the WaterSmart Program in 2022 and making an effort to reduce your water use this summer!***

## Beaver Valley Water Service

# OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION



For more information scan this code.

Contact us to book your **FREE** sprinkler system assessment: [watersmart@rdkb.com](mailto:watersmart@rdkb.com)  
250 231-5384

WATER ACTIVITY	STAGE 3 Very Dry
<b>Sprinkler or Irrigation</b> (Lawn, trees, shrubs, flower gardens)  <b>Permitted Hours:</b> 4am to 6am & 8pm to 10pm	<b>EVEN numbered addresses</b> <div>Tue Thu</div> <b>ODD numbered addresses</b> <div>Wed Fri</div> No watering allowed Mon, Sat & Sun
<b>Micro Irrigation or Drip Irrigation System</b>	Allowed
<b>Watering with handheld container or hose with shut-off nozzle</b>	Allowed 7pm to 7am
<b>Washing personal vehicles</b> (does not apply to commercial car wash stations)	Allowed with shut-off nozzle
<b>Cleaning surfaces, sidewalks, driveways</b>	Prohibited
<b>Filling fountains, hot tubs, pools</b>	Prohibited
<b>Watering sod, new grass, plantings</b>	Prohibited

