

FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS

December 2022



Breakfast with Santa

PANCAKE, EGG & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

PICTURES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY DEC 3
9:00 AM to 11 AM

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL

The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes and stars. On the left, Santa Claus is depicted from the chest up, wearing his red suit and hat, holding a stack of pancakes with yellow butter on a silver plate. To the right, there are three Christmas ornaments: a red one at the top, a green one in the middle, and a blue one at the bottom. The text is arranged around these elements.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
BEAVER VALLEY
AGE FRIENDLY
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Meet & Greet at Noon - Lunch at 12:30

Fruitvale Memorial Centre

RSVP by 6th December to Kelly

kwalker@rdkb.com

OR 250-231-5172

The Spirit of Giving

As we grow older, it seems that time goes faster and faster. Because time seems to pass so quickly, I make sure there is time for me. Every week, I curl, hike, walk and soak in the hot tub. I got to thinking about Christmas, and the spirit of giving and thought about volunteering; how I give my time to others, as well as myself. To me, volunteering is very much done in the spirit of giving, sharing my time with individuals and groups in the Valley. Many social/community groups rely on volunteers to function and survive. I think about Communities in Bloom, the BV Lions' Club, X-country ski club, the volunteer coaches at the curling club, kid sports (of every kind), school PACs and so many other groups, where folks volunteer their time. I know how grateful I am for the time people give, and I know community members appreciate the things volunteers make happen.

Unfortunately, right now the groups that rely on volunteers are struggling to maintain their core volunteer numbers, and are struggling to recruit new volunteers. Here are some things to think about:

Being a volunteer has many cognitive and physical benefits. Science tells us that mood is improved, social interactions expand, activity is increased, and new relationships are built. Folks feel self-satisfied, happy, and have many great new experiences. Even though we may be aware of those proven benefits, why aren't all of us volunteering?

Volunteers are aging and declining in numbers. Some clubs and groups have been in decline for years, while some have collapsed and ceased to exist due to lack of volunteers. We are all busy with two-income households, extra-curricular activities, aging parents and other demands, but carving out a weekly time slot to support a club pays you back in many ways. Many organizations in the Valley need your support and time.

To those groups who are advertising for new volunteers, tell folks about the roles and about the time commitments. Appeal to people's personal interests. Consider hosting a small social event where mentors can share more about the organization.

Let's take care of ourselves and one another.

Embrace the Spirit of Giving....Volunteer in your community. We all benefit.

For lists of local clubs or organizations, contact info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca or kwalker@rdkb.com.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Mahatma Gandhi

Happy Holidays!



Mayor Steve Morissette

Hard to believe it is the last month of the year already! December, along with ringing in the Holiday Season, is a time to reflect on the year that has been.

2022 was a busy, eventful year in Fruitvale! Following the funding announcement from the Provincial Government, construction planning work moved forward on the 31-unit Affordable Housing Complex in phase one of the Middle School Site Masterplan. Planning in earnest also began for the 37-seat Childcare Centre in phase one of the same site as our application for childcare funding was announced as well.

Work continued this fall to help REN Energy towards getting shovels in the ground to build the proposed renewable natural gas facility east of Fruitvale which will create dozens of well paid jobs on site and in our area.

Village staff underwent a positive transformation following an extensive search for a new CAO throughout the summer. People moved into positions more suited to their skillset and we worked hard to find and hire a progressive, engaged new CAO.

Fruitvale Council also went through a transformation this fall with the election in October as three of four council positions were filled by new councillors. While it is sad to see councillors/friends leave, following each election the new council brings new ideas and energy to the table. We are now working on getting everyone up to speed and looking forward to the positive work our team will do going forward this term.

We need to take the time to recognize that this year we also said final goodbyes to several longtime community leaders who will be sadly missed for who they were as people as well as their contributions to the community.

On behalf of Village Council and Staff, I would like to wish everyone the Happiest of Holiday Seasons and remind everyone to reach out and support the many friends and neighbours that are in need, particularly in this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFICE CLOSURE



The Village of Fruitvale Office will be closed for the Christmas Season from Monday, December 26, 2022 until January 2, 2023. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30 am.

The Village of Fruitvale Public Works Department will be closed Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, 2022, Monday, January 2 and Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

For Village of Fruitvale and/or Beaver Valley Water System emergencies please call 250-367-6162.

The RDKB Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, 2022.

Merry Christmas to the residents of the Beaver Valley

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace; the gladness of Christmas give you hope; and the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

From all of us at the Village of Fruitvale and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY
BOUNDARY
UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Meeting held in the RDKB Trail Office
Boardroom

Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 14
1:00 pm

**VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS**

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

Regular Council - December 5, 2022
Committee of the Whole - Cancelled

Village of Fruitvale Garbage & Recycling Dates

DECEMBER

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

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.

JANUARY 2023

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29	30	31				

DID YOU KNOW...

The Village of Fruitvale has a new website, www.fruitvale.ca
Be sure to visit our new website for up-to-date information on the Village.

Non-working streetlights must be reported to the Village Office

It's that time of year when darkness comes early and non-working streetlights are more noticeable. Please let the Village Office know, by phone at 250-367-7551 or email info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca, if you come across a non-working streetlight and we will report it to Fortis BC. Residents should not be calling Fortis to report non-working streetlights. We will need the location of the streetlight, the number on the pole and the problem with the light. If it's easier, you can even take a photo of the number on the pole and email it to the office.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you to the 500+ people who came to pay their respects at the Remembrance Day Service on November 11. Thank you to RCMP Honour Guard Cpl. Joseph Stochmanski (retired), Pastor Bryan Henry, Lt (N) Llorca McTeer for vocals, John Piccolo for playing the music, Jay Mykietyn and Dustin Crockett for playing the bag pipes and drum, members of the Beaver Valley Youth Club, Pathfinders and Rangers for their reading of "In Flanders Fields", Village Office staff member Karen Halifax for organizing the wreaths, the refreshments and creating the program, Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, Councillor Wes Startup and Mayor Steve Morissette.

Also a big thank you to the members of the South Columbia Search and Rescue for opening their hall, making and serving the hot chocolate and serving the delicious poppy-shaped cookies that were made locally by Alexandra of Baked On! Baked Goods. Special thanks go out to the veterans who attended the Service and to all those who laid wreaths in remembrance.



SNOW REMOVAL

The snow is here and so are the snow removal reminders to residents:

- Residents are reminded that all vehicles must be removed from boulevards and **off-street parking must be provided for your visitors so vehicles do not impede the snow removal process.** Vehicles restricting snow removal will be towed at the owner's expense. **Warnings will not be issued.**
- If you move snow from private property onto any street or sidewalk, you will be invoiced by the Village for time spent clearing the snow.
- Please **do not place plastic or tarps on the boulevard**, this is dangerous for our crew and damages equipment if the plow catches it.
- Please be aware that the Public Works Department maintains only that portion of Bluebird Road from Highway 3B to Scout Road. The remainder of Bluebird Road is maintained YRB. Residents may notice that all of Bluebird Road may not be plowed at the same time.
- RDKB Area 'A' residents please note that YRB is in charge of maintaining your roads. If there is a problem with snow removal, please contact YRB 1-888-630-1420 or the Ministry of Transportation in Nelson at 250-354-6400.

Safety Notes:

- Please keep children safe and do not allow them to play on snow banks next to roads or on windrows in the middle of streets.
- Trucks and plows frequently slow down, turn and back up - please stay well back from trucks and plows at all times for the safety of both you and the snow plowing crew.
- Ensure weather-appropriate footwear is worn when walking on streets and sidewalks.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The Village of Fruitvale will once again be taking Christmas trees to the landfill free of charge after the Christmas season. Please bring your tree to the designated area (look for the sign) in the Pole Yard before January 15. There will be no curb-side tree collection. Please ensure all decorations and plastic tree bags have been removed when you drop off your tree.

2023 DOG TAGS (licenses)

Just a reminder to dog owners - all dogs in the Village and RDKB are required to be licensed. A dog tag (license) on your dog will ensure that it is returned to you if it is found out of your yard. It's a small price to pay for the safe return of your family pet.

Please remember that it is a contravention of the Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922 to allow your dogs to run free. Dogs at large run the risk of being picked up by the SPCA and fines will be levied to the dog owner.

Please, for the safety, peace and comfort of your neighbours, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard and do not let them bark continually at all hours day and night.

Village residents who purchased dog tags in 2022, please note: you will be receiving an invoice for the 2023 dog tag/license fee but you will not be receiving a new tag, unless your dog has lost its tag. If there are any changes to the information on your invoice, please contact the office so we can update our files.

Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

Movie Night - Friday December 9 @ Royal Theatre for BV Youth ages 12-18

3:00—5:30 at the Royal Theater in Trail, doors open at 2:50 pm

Movie: ***Spirited*** with Will Ferrell and Ryan Reynolds

The 'Ski Red' program starts as soon as the snow flies and Red Mountain opens. If you are interested in the program and want more information or would like to register, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com. Don't forget to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Action Network to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

How do you stay active in the Beaver Valley? Send us your 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 PROGRAMS

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, **December 3**, from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. Bring the kids for pictures with Santa and enjoy a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast donated by Liberty Foods, cooked by the Fruitvale Firefighters and served by the Beaver Valley Nitehawks. Small breakfast \$4 and large breakfast \$6. All proceeds will be donated to the Beaver Valley Food Action Initiative for Christmas Hampers in the Valley. Non-perishable (and non-outdated) food donations greatly appreciated.

Christmas Eve Skate is on **December 24** from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Join us for our annual Christmas Skating Party sponsored by the Beaver Valley Lions Club. Enjoy a FREE skate to your favorite Christmas carols or relax for a few minutes and enjoy a complimentary hot dog and juice box. The BV Nitehawks will have the concession open. Santa will arrive at noon!

Christmas Holiday Public Skating Schedule: Dec. 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 is 12:30 - 2:00pm. We are offering FREE skating at the Beaver Valley Arena during the Christmas Holidays. A big thank you to the Beaver Valley businesses for sponsoring and continuing this special holiday tradition!

Nitehawk Games - December 2, 3, 9, 13, 16, 29 at 7:00pm

Public skating - \$3 child, \$4 adult, \$10 Family, \$2 skate rentals, \$5 skate sharpening

Toonie Skates - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:00am ending Dec. 22, starting again Jan. 10

Parent & Tot Drop-in Skating/Hockey - Dec. 9 & 16 from 4:00 - 5:00pm, Dec. 22 from 1:00 - 2:00pm, Dec 27 & 29 from 11:00 am - Noon. Helmet required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop

Ages 4-8 Drop-in Hockey - Dec. 11 from 5:00 - 6:00pm, Dec. 19 from 5:15-6:15pm, Dec. 23, 28, 30 from 2:30-3:30pm. Full gear recommended, \$5.00 admission at skate shop

Ages 9-14 Drop-in Hockey - Dec. 4 & 18 from 5-6pm, Dec. 22 from 11:30-12:30pm, Dec. 27 & 29 from 2:30-3:30pm. Full gear required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop

Ladies Drop-in Hockey - Dec. 10 from 8-9pm, Dec. 19 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Full gear required, \$10.00 admission at skate shop

Zumba - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Montrose Hall, no class Dec. 8, 15, 20

A.C.T. (Aerobics Chair Tone) Fitness - Tue & Thurs until Dec.15, 9:45 - 10:45am, Montrose Hall

18 Lohan Qigong - Mondays until Dec. 12, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Montrose Hall

Restorative Yoga with Jenny Nicoll - Tuesdays until Dec. 6, 7-8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall

Gentle Yoga with Jodi Ihas - Thursdays until Dec. 1, 7:00 - 8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall

Senior Line Dancing - Fridays until Dec. 16, 10:00 - 11:00am, Fruitvale Hall

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

Stay Safe Course ages 9+ - Sunday, January 22, 9:00am - 2:00pm, Montrose Hall, \$40

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

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 PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Beaver Valley Library will be holding a drop-in Christmas Craft afternoon on Wednesday Dec. 14 from Noon to 4:00pm. Everyone welcome.

Craft Bags:

Pre-registration for the 2023 session of craft bags is underway. Enrollment is limited so register early at the following emails:

- For Mother Moose (birth -3) - ill_bvpl@telus.net
- For children (ages 4-12) - bvplkids@telus.net
- For Seniors - bvplkids@telus.net

Beaver Valley Library Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 10:00am - 7:00pm; Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm;
Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Library will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and January 1.

Season's Greetings from the BV Library Board and staff.

The Jingle Express Train will be riding the rails on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022!



The scenic 45-minute train ride through the winter landscape of the Beaver Valley takes place on Saturday, December 10, 2022 leaving from Pole Yard Lane on the hour beginning at 9:00am until 3:00pm.

All train times have been **SOLD OUT**, however sometimes people don't show up for their train ride so there may be seats available after ticket holders board their respective train. **There are no guarantees that seats will be available**, but if you are at the train just before the scheduled time, you can ask the train conductor if there are any.

All ticket proceeds, \$1,865.00, were donated to the Beaver Valley Food Bank. Thank you to Atco Wood Products and all the train sponsors for bringing the Jingle Express back to our residents; and thank you to the community for your generosity.

BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH 44 EVENTS

Becoming a member of the Beaver Valley Senior Citizens Branch 44 for \$15/year allows you to take part in any of the BV Senior Citizens Branch 44 events.

Monthly Events:

- Bingo - Mondays 1:00 - 3:00pm, cards for \$0.25
- Carpet Bowling - Tuesdays 10:00am
- Wellness Wednesdays - 10:00am - 2:00pm, activities and lunch for a toonie
- Cards - Thursdays 1:00 pm
- Monthly Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of the month 1:30pm

Special Events:

- Christmas for Seniors Near and Dear - providing gifts for Seniors
- Fundraisers: Teas, Soup and Borscht lunches, Potluck dinners

All events are held at Beaver Valley Manor. For more information please call Brenda at 250 367 3839 or email 150tamarac@gmail.com

December 7, 1:00 pm

- Christmas Party for Manor residents and members.

The Manor will be closed from December 22, 2022 until January 2, 2023.

Bingo - last day is December 19; resumes January 2, 2023.

Carpet bowling starts a new session on January 3, 2023. We are always ready to welcome new members. If you would like to give it a try, please call Judy Thompson 250-367-9035 or Shirley Levesque 250-367-6337.

Wellness Wednesday - last day is December 21; resumes January 11, 2023.

Cards - last day is December 15; resumes January 5, 2023

BEAVER VALLEY NITEHAWKS FANS!

Join the Beaver Valley Nitehawks in supporting our community this Christmas season! At the BV Nitehawks Home games on December 2, 3 and 13, the Nitehawks will be collecting non-perishable (and non-outdated) foods for the Beaver Valley Christmas Hampers (United Way) and Beaver Valley Food Bank. Help them to provide a little "extra" cheer to families this winter season! There will be a donation box by the ticket booth. The Nitehawks and the Christmas Hamper and Food Bank volunteers and clients appreciate your contributions.

The food bank would like to send a special thank you for all the donations that are dropped off during Thrift Store hours. The fresh fruit and veggies from gardens over the summer were very much appreciated as well. Many thanks to Atco Wood Products and the Village of Fruitvale – the donations from the Jingle Express train ride will be greatly appreciated.

Beaver Valley Food Bank volunteers want to take this opportunity to thank the communities of Montrose, Beaver Valley and Fruitvale for their generosity – you are truly amazing. We want to send best wishes to all.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from all of us at the Beaver Valley Food Bank

BEAVER VALLEY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS & GIFTS FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM



Applications for BV Christmas hampers can be picked up and dropped off at Waneta Plaza Mall Nov. 26 and 27 10 am to 5 pm, Village of Fruitvale and Montrose Offices, Liberty Foods and the BV Thrift Store and BV Food Bank. Scanned applications can be emailed to naomim@uwbc.ca. Applications are due by **Friday, December 9**. Hamper pickup is at the Fruitvale Memorial Center on **Saturday Dec. 17**. Doors open at 11 am. Thank you to the donors and supporters - Villages of Fruitvale and Montrose, RDKB Area A, Teck Metals Ltd. Trail Operations, Atco Wood Products, Liberty Foods, KSCU Fruitvale and all the wonderful donors and volunteers for being here for our community!

The United Way Gifts for Children organizers invite you to participate in their 17th annual **Gifts for Children** Christmas tree.



Tags for gifts can be found on the beautiful trees at Kootenay Savings Credit Union Fruitvale Branch, Fruitvale Post Office and Liberty Foods.

The deadline to return the unwrapped gifts (gift bags are accepted) is December 9, 2022.

Thank you to our residents for your generosity and support to help every member in our community have a beautiful, joyous Christmas.

BV MAY DAYS KIDDIE CARS

The iconic BV May Days kiddie cars! Oh, how the tots of the Beaver Valley miss you, especially the grown-up tots from the Valley! Mama, Papa, Grandma, Grandpa – Y'all rode in these CARS!

The kiddie cars have been in operation since about 1948, then donated to the Village of Fruitvale by the Lions Club! Beaver Valley May Days operated the kiddie cars every year since! Sadly, you have not seen them at BV May Days since 2018.

As it turns out, the ride is deemed a regulated amusement device by Technical Safety BC standards. The May Days committee was required to present documentation of an engineering and inspection report! The non-profit Public Access Protection Society is directing the project and would like to thank RDKB Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, Columbia Basin Trust and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1003 for their funding of the project. The kiddie cars' required engineering documents are now complete, thanks to REDWOOD Engineering Ltd. of Trail BC who completed the engineering report. Thank you!

There are still a few other non-compliance items that need to be addressed before Technical Safety BC will sign off so the ride can operate. **We are seeking donations to fund the remainder of this project!** We are required to have seat belts in each car, a sweep cover, exhaust pipe and fencing! We would also like to give the cars a fresh coat of paint! Allan Macaulay from Waneta Old Wheels of Trail, BC will be doing the work on the final stages of this important project so the kiddie cars will be ready to operate at the 2023 BV May Days! We are so close to having our community ride back up and running! Let's keep the kiddie cars going another 74 years!

If you can help fund the remainder of the project and/or if you're interested or know someone who is interested in volunteering or helping fund this iconic ride, please get in touch with Lindsay Kenny, 250-231-7400 or email public.access.protection.bc@gmail.com; the Valley kids thank you!



*KIDDIE CARS BEING ENJOYED
THROUGH THE YEARS*

