



Fruitvale & Area 'A' News



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Fruitvale is creating a plan to transition to renewable energy! Transitioning to renewable energy protects our health, builds our economy, and reduces the risk of extreme weather.

In June 2022, Fruitvale joined 10 other Kootenay Communities by making a commitment to reach 100% renewable energy by 2050. We'll build on what other communities have learned and decide what actions might work for Fruitvale.

Stop by the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on **Saturday May 6th between 1pm and 5pm** to share your ideas and suggestions and learn more about the project.

Can't make the Open House? Take a short online survey: <https://bit.ly/FruitvaleRES>

Fruitvale Renewable Energy Strategy



Open House

May 6 2023, 1-5 pm
Memorial Centre

What actions should Fruitvale prioritize to transition to 100% Renewable Energy? Stop by to have your say and learn more!



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RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER?
FRUITVALE FIRE HALL
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Drop in, speak to your local crew, enjoy a truck tour, equipment displays & find out more about the role and how to apply!



DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

The Fruitvale & Area 'A' News is moving to electronic distribution beginning January 2024. To receive it electronically, we require your permission. Please email your permission to us at newsletter@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

A limited number of paper copies will be available at the Village Office.

Please note: This will not be starting until 2024. Postal distribution will continue until then.



New Bus Shelters for the Beaver Valley

Small community transit costs are great, yet we cannot live without transportation: getting people to work, medical appointments, essential services and maintaining social connections are some of the key reasons people rely on transit. Transit also serves those who can't, or won't drive, such as seniors, youth, and those on a fixed income, and for some, it's an environmental choice.

The East End Services Committee (EESC), in partnership with BC Transit, has completed reviews throughout the years, to assess and improve ridership. Recently, the committee did an inventory and evaluation of current bus shelters. The committee found that existing bus shelters needed major improvements, and that other sites required shelters to be constructed.

Given estimated building and improvement costs, the EESC proposed a new funding model that would relieve local taxpayers of the cost burden. The committee decided that Area A Dam Revenues would be allocated to pay for the shelter improvements. Some of the older shelters will be improved, and then relocated to lower ridership sites, while the higher ridership sites will get new shelters, built with local resources. The project is set to go. The EESC will continue to work on transit improvements to serve users, and anticipating increased ridership of an excellent, and necessary service.

Conceptual Design for the New Shelters:



Federal Boundary Changes Objection

Richard Cannings, MP for South OK/Kootenay West, filed an official objection to the proposed Federal Boundary Changes to a special panel of Members of the House of Commons on April 20, 2023. The Commission will then consider the objections before submitting its final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

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Mayor Steve Morissette - May 2023 Update

This May there will be many fun events to enjoy in our community! Please be aware that all of the events require volunteers to help host them for everyone's enjoyment. If you can help out for even a couple of hours, it will be very much appreciated and the positive feeling of giving far outweighs the small donation of your time.

The Village will be holding an Open House at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on Saturday May 6th beginning at 1:00 pm to start the process of building our 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 plan. Come out, learn what's involved and take this opportunity to give your input.

We have also been one of the Communities chosen by Columbia Basin Trust to host a public meeting that is being held in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on Thursday May 11th. Drop in anytime, registration NOT required.

Afternoon Open House from 3 pm to 6 pm: come visit with friends, family and Trust staff and share what's important to you and your community! Fill out our survey, capturing your ideas with our interactive selfie wall or video booth, and enjoy refreshments on us! and Evening Guided Conversation from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm: explore your individual and collective vision for your community and the Basin through a guided conversation.

Columbia Basin Trust provides so much financial support for our community committing to our parks, daycare, affordable housing, Railway station, Community Directed Grants of over \$115,000/annually, and more. Please consider dropping by to share what is important to you in our community as the Columbia Basin Trust collects information to build their next 5-year strategic plan to focus on where their financial support will be directed.

Enjoy the festivities the month of May holds in our Valley!

Local Government Contact Information

Village of Fruitvale

1947 Beaver Street

Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0

Ph: 250-367-7551

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Public Works & After-Hours
Emergencies: 250-367-6162

General Email

info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Web

www.fruitvale.ca

Facebook

Village of Fruitvale

Regional District of

Kootenay Boundary

202 - 843 Rossland Ave

Trail, BC V1R 4S8

Ph: 250-368-9148

General Email

RDKB email addresses are
most often first initial, last
name@rdkb.com
(for example Joe Smith
would be jsmith@rdkb.com)

Web

www.rdkb.com

Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve

agrieve@rdkb.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Village Meeting Dates

<https://fruitvale.ca/council/council-information/>

RDKB Meeting Dates

<https://rdkb.com/Regional-Government/Meetings>

2023 VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PROPERTY TAXES

The 2023 property tax notices will be mailed to home owners in late May and are due Tuesday July 4, 2023 to avoid a 10% penalty. (The Village Office will be closed June 30 in lieu of the July 1st Statutory Holiday) If you do not receive your tax notice by June 9, please contact the Village Office, 250-367-7551.

To apply for your Home Owner Grant

When you receive your tax notice, please visit the provincial website at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant to apply online or call toll free to 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent. Home Owner Grants must be applied for every year.

HOW TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES:

• Cheque, money order, bank draft:

Attach your cheque to the bottom tear-off portion of your tax notice and place in our mail slot to the lower left of the front door or mail it through Canada Post. We happily accept post-dated cheques.

• Online banking:

This is available with the Credit Union, Scotiabank, CIBC and BMO ONLY. Find us under "Fruitvale, Village – Property Tax". Depending on the requirements of your financial institution, use at least the last 6 digits of your folio number without the 521 and the decimal point. For example, Folio No. 521 00123.456 would be 123456. If more digits are required, use more zeros. For example Folio No. 521 00123.456 would be 00000123456.

• **E-Transfer:** Send your payment to finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca. We are set up for auto deposit, so no password is required. However, you must write your Folio number in the messages to ensure the payment is applied to the correct account.

Property Taxes are due Tuesday July 4, 2023. Be sure to apply for your home owner grant, if applicable, at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or phone 1-888-355-2700 before July 4, 2023 to avoid a 10% penalty on your unapplied for home owner grant.

Burning and Wood Waste Policy 3.06/Fire Safety and Prevention Bylaw 749, 2006

The Village Office continues to receive complaints about the smell and the smoke coming from illegal open burning fires and wood stove/fireplace fires.

Residents are reminded that there is **no open burning allowed** in the Village of Fruitvale and burning any materials other than seasoned firewood (ie: plastic and plastic bags, household garbage, recyclable material, etc.) is not allowed. **The only permissible outdoor fires are small back-yard campfires (0.5 m X 0.5m in size) burning seasoned firewood only and the flames must be kept low. All paper, cardboard and other recyclable products must be recycled appropriately.**

Please be respectful of your neighbours and those around you who may have breathing difficulties. Smoke from your fire more often than not restricts their time outdoors or opening their windows in their house.

Temporary Vehicle Shelters

Residents with temporary vehicle shelters in their front yard are reminded that these portable garages must be removed ASAP.

As per the Village's Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 863, the date for removing these temporary vehicle shelters was April 15.

Residents Living Along Beaver, Fruitvale and Kelly Creeks

Residents along the above creeks are reminded to keep all grass clippings, tree clippings and other debris out of the creeks to help mitigate flooding potential. Also, if you notice debris on the creek banks pick it up. Let's work together to keep our creeks clean and beautiful.



BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK For Beaver Valley Youth ages 12-18

**May 26 - Bowling at BV Lanes from
7:00 - 9:00 pm. Register with Tammy.**

**Stay tuned for information on the upcoming
Movie Night at the Royal Theater coming in June!**

For more information on the Beaver Valley Youth
Action Network, its programs and to register, please
contact Tammy. BVYAN Coordinator at

beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

Be sure to follow us on Facebook.

BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OPEN!

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Thursdays and Fridays	Saturdays
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Needlework Drop-in for adults

Are you a needleworker? Knit, Crochet,
Embroidery? BV Library is hosting adult drop-in
sessions for you to work on your current projects
or to begin a new project. Sessions are held on
Mondays, 1-3 pm, with the exception of stat
holidays. Refreshments are not available.

BEAVER VALLEY THRIVING COMMUNITIES — SOCIETY —

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

6:00 pm

Meet at the covered area at Fruitvale Memorial
Park (formerly Haines Park).
Everyone is welcome to attend!

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION NEWS

The next Beaver Valley Seniors Lunch is on Tuesday,
May 30 at 12:30 pm at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall.
RSVP to Jamie by May 23 at bvevents@rdkb.com or
call/text 250-231-7260. Cost is \$10.00.

Timbits Softball for ages 4 & 5 – Tuesdays &
Thursdays, May 23 – June 22 (omit May 30, June 1,
June 6), 4 – 4:30pm, Lewis Softball Field, \$35

Summer Parks Program for ages 6-11 will start the
first week of July. A detailed poster will be ready the
first week of June.

Please visit rdkb.com and click on Recreation &
Culture, Beaver Valley to find information of the
following programs:

Timbits Softball, Kids Soccer, Babysitting Course,
Stay Safe Home Alone, Restorative Yoga, Evening
Gentle Yoga, Morning Gentle Yoga, Body
Weight/Bands/Balls, ACT Fitness, 18 Lohan Qigong,
Zumba.

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

BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK

The Beaver Valley Food Bank is located in the rear of
the Beaver Valley Thrift Store on First Street across
from the Beaver Valley Library. To access the Food
Bank, an appointment must be made at least one
day before the respective Thursday. To make an
appointment, please call:

**1st Thursday of the month call
Theresa at 250-367-9791**

**2nd Thursday of the month call
Marcella at 250-231-8009**

**3rd Thursday of the month call
Elaine at 250-367-9983**

**4th Thursday of the month call
George at 250-367-9983**

For other BV Food Bank enquires or in case
of an emergency, please contact Maddy
at 250-367-6549.

BEAVER VALLEY



SENIORS LUNCH

★★★★ SERVED BUFFET ★★★★★

Tuesday, May 30

12.30PM
Fruitvale Hall

For Individual & Group bookings (6+)
RSVP to Jayme Fowler by May 23:
T: 250-231-7260 E: bvevents@rdkb.com

\$10
ENTRY

Draw
prizes!



Beaver Valley
Recreation

BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH 44

Becoming a member for \$15/year allows you to take part in any of Branch 44 Seniors' activities and events.

Bingo - Mondays 1:00 pm

Carpet Bowling - Tuesdays 10:00 am - Starts in October

Wellness Wednesdays (activities and lunch for \$2) -

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cards - Thursdays 1:00 pm

Monthly Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm

For membership/activities information please call
Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685.

Branch 44 is hosting a raffle, 50/50 and a cake walk at BV May Days. Come out and support the community and our Seniors!

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
250 231-5384

WATER ACTIVITY



Sprinkler or Irrigation
(Lawn, trees, shrubs,
flower gardens)

Regular Hours:
4am to 9am &
7pm to 10pm



Micro Irrigation or Drip
Irrigation System



Watering with handheld
container or hose with
shut-off nozzle



Washing personal
vehicles (does not apply to
commercial car wash stations)



Cleaning surfaces,
sidewalks, driveways



Filling fountains, hot
tubs, pools



Watering sod, new grass,
plantings

STAGE 1 Normal

EVEN numbered addresses

Tue Thu Sat

ODD numbered addresses

Wed Fri Sun

**No watering allowed
on Mondays**

Allowed

Allowed

Allowed
with shut-off nozzle

Allowed
with shut-off nozzle

Allowed

Allowed with authorization
from RDKB Environmental
Services



Find water conservation tips at rdkb.com
Contact watersmart@rdkb.com

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TAILGATE SALE SERIES 2023

Following on the success of last year and due to more demand, it is proposed that the Tailgate Sales be continued in 2023 at the Pole Yard downtown Fruitvale.

These will be held on the first Sunday of every month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm starting in June. Bring your unwanted items and sell from your car or truck.

Anything goes as long as it is legal. Watch the June newsletter for more details.

SPRING SPIRIT EXPRESS

The Spring Spirit Express hits the rails on Saturday, May 27!

Train tickets are **only** available at the Village Office on Saturday May **13th** at 11:00 am by cash donation (suggestion \$5/ticket) for the Fruitvale Food Bank. Please, don't fall victim to any online ticket sale scams.

Tickets are first come, first served. **Maximum 6 per family.** This is a very popular event - please do not ask for 6 tickets if you do not need them.

Thank you to the Nelson & Fort Shepard Railway Co., ATCO WOOD PRODUCTS and all the other sponsors for providing this wonderful event!

You're invited!

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CommuniTea

Join us for a Spring Tea at Fruitvale Elementary to help fundraise for our year end field trip!

Wednesday June 7th 2023
Fruitvale Elementary School Gym
3 seatings available: 1:15 - 2:15pm,
2:30 - 3:30 pm or 3:45 - 4:45 pm

Tickets are \$5 and include your choice of coffee or tea and a small plate of baked goods. Please note, only 84 seats are available per seating, and tickets are first come first serve. Deadline to buy tickets: May 30th.
Baked goods will also be available for purchase.

Parking is not available in the school lot until after 2:30 pm due to buses. Please park by BV Manor, the lower field or at the church across the street.

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT

Staci Furiak
sfuriak@sd20.bc.ca
250 - 367 - 7541 ext. 734
or
Nicole Arabia
narabia@sd20.bc.ca
250 - 367 - 7541 ext. 733

NELSON & FT. SHEPARD RAILWAY CO. PRESENTS

The Spring Spirit Express

SATURDAY MAY 27TH 2023

Correction: Tickets are available on May 13th, not May 11th.

DEPARTURE TIMES	
POLE YARD STATION	
MORNING	AFTERNOON
9 AM	12 PM
10 AM	1 PM
11 AM	2 PM
	3 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE MAY 11TH AT 11:00 AM

At the Village of Fruitvale Office, in exchange for a cash donation for the Beaver Valley Food Bank.

Enjoy a scenic 45 minute train ride through the spring landscape of the Beaver Valley.



Logos of sponsors: Fruitvale Elementary, Hall Printing, Sutherland Group, WKM, McEwan Law, KC Recycling, Retrieiv Technologies, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, ATCO Wood Products.

BEAVER VALLEY MAYDAYS 2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN,
GAMES, EVENTS, VENDORS AND
DELICIOUS FOOD

May 26TH, 27TH and 28TH
HAINES PARK, FRUITVALE BC

ENJOY OUR TYPICAL EVENTS OF :

Fireworks, Softball, Delicious Food, Vendors,
Beaverian (Beer) Gardens, Car Show, 2 Nature
Hikes, Citizen of the Year, Movie in the Park
(Sonic 2), and so much more!

AND ENJOY THE NEW EVENTS WE HAVE
ADDED THIS YEAR:

Brand New Kid-Zone, Cake Walk, 50/50,
Boomtown Garter Girls Performance and so
much more!



WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE
PARADE WILL BE RETURNING THIS YEAR.

If you'd like to join us as a sponsor, or volunteer,
please reach out on Facebook or email
vicepresident@beavervalleymaydays.com



BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year
Committee takes great pleasure in announcing
Mary-Ann & Charles Pengelly as the recipients
of the 2023 Citizen of the Year award.

This award recognizes outstanding volunteer
contribution to our community and
Charles & Mary-Ann exemplify those qualities.
They have been involved with the Thrift
Store, Beaver Valley library, Community
Chest, Christmas Hampers and the list goes on.

We invite the public and all past recipients of
this award to attend the award presentation
and reception at the Beaver Valley Curling Rink
on Friday, May 26th at 7:00 pm

BEAVER VALLEY MAY DAYS DANCE

A Fundraising Event hosted by
Fruitvale Elementary School PAC

Featuring DJ STELLA BEATS



Saturday May 27

9:00 pm to 1:00 am

Doors open at 8:30 pm

Fruitvale Memorial Centre

Tickets: \$20 per person

Must be 19+ to attend.



**Tickets on sale at Fruitvale Memorial Park
(formerly Haines Park) on Friday May 26 from
5:00—8:00 pm and at the door (cash only).**

Tickets are limited.

Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.
More information to come. Volunteers are need.
Contact pacfruitvale@gmail.com if you can help out.
All funds raised will go towards upcoming PAC
projects.

PAC thanks Hall Printing for donating the tickets.