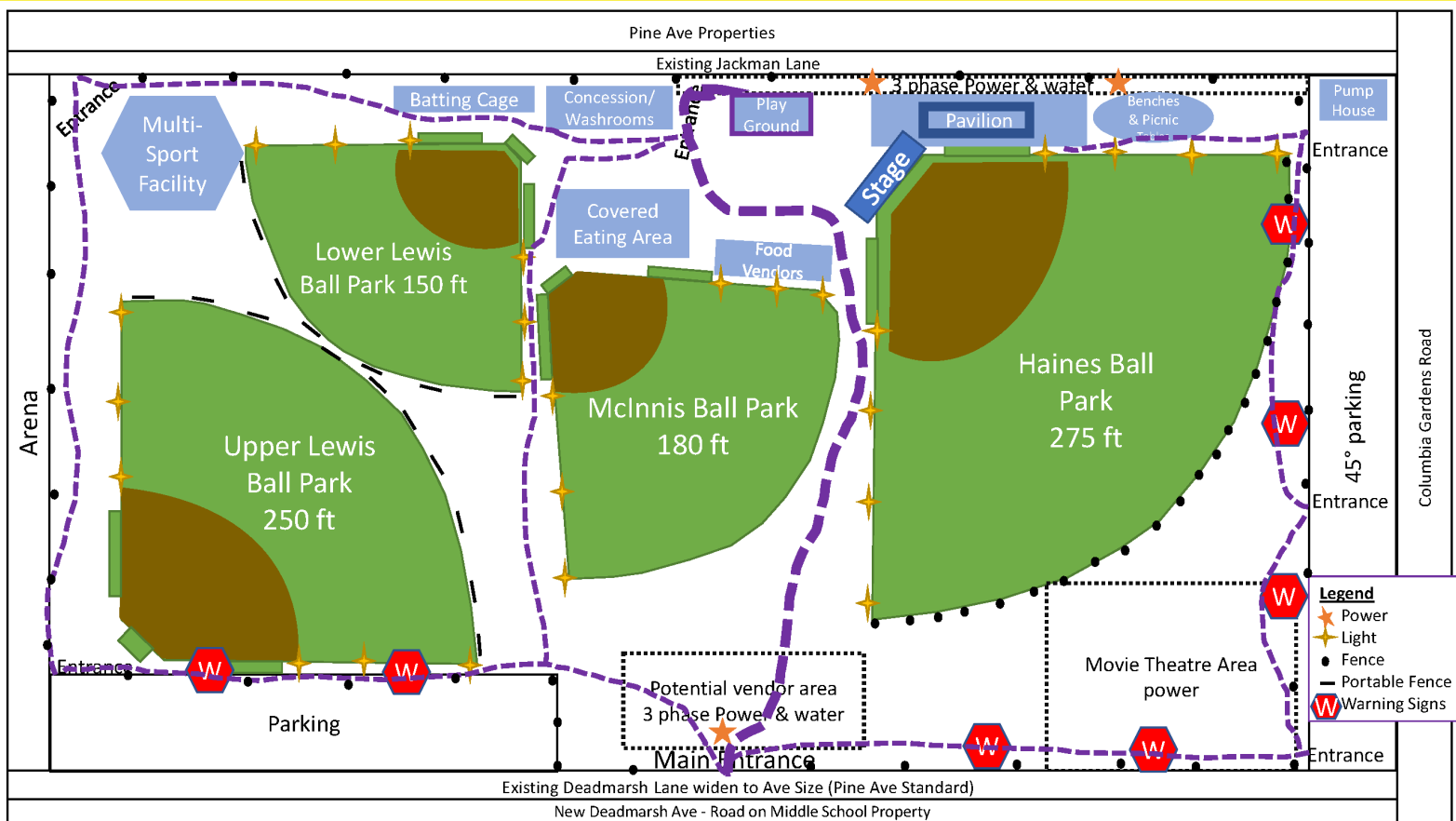




VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWSLETTER



The 2023 Haines Park Masterplan was developed by the Village to access funding from Beaver Valley Recreation Commission, Columbia Basin Trust, other trusts, and foundations as well as corporate sponsors. The following major improvements are planned:

- 45° angle parking off Columbia Gardens Road
- Warning signs for people parking their vehicles during ball games
- Realign Haines Ballfield with fencing and lights
- Increase the area around Ryder Pavilion providing open space for tables, chairs, and tents
- A permanent stage at Haines Park backstop
- A wet bar for serving alcohol in the concession stand
- A washroom review to determine if there is a requirement for more washrooms during normal use
- Extra power and water for May Days Food Vendors
- Outdoor theatre requirements for BV May Days
- Lights and semi-permanent fence around Ella Matteucci (Lower Lewis) and Upper Lewis. The fence would be in-place 360 days out of the year and removed for 5 days for May Days Slow-Pitch tournament
- A multi-sports facility for pre-school children
- Walkways around the parks for inclusive access
- Increased parking next to the BV Arena





APRIL 2023



WELCOME SPRING! Spring always brings us new hopes and ideas, it's no different with the Village of Fruitvale. We are looking forward to the construction action we will have seen begin on the former Middle School site by the time of this newsletter. The front third of the site will be fenced for construction and with construction comes changes and inconvenience. We will lose the parking lot to construction for the next two years as the first section of Road with utilities will be under construction as well as the Daycare Centre, to be followed by the Attainable Housing construction beginning this Fall and ongoing until completion in 2025. Watch for notices in this newsletter and on our Village website for public meetings this spring. We will be hosting a public meeting on our Village budget April 17th @ 4:30 in the Hall, another for input on Fruitvale's Active Transportation Plan (TBA), and we will be hosting a public meeting regarding making Fruitvale more fire smart. With the support of a Columbia Basin Trust grant as part of becoming more firesmart we will be doing a demonstration on some Village land of what a firesmart property looks like. We are also fortunate Fruitvale has been chosen for a Columbia Basin Trust meeting May 11th @ 3pm in the Hall to discuss what residents would like to see CBT focus on in their next five year strategic plan. We have a lot of work as we move forward on all of these projects and we welcome resident's input. We would also like to request a volunteer for the Lower Columbia Housing Societies' Board of Directors. If you are interested in attainable Housing in our area we could really use a voice from the Beaver Valley on this Board, if interested please contact me through the Village Office.

Steve



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PUBLIC WORKSHOP INVITATION

The Village of Fruitvale has pledged to reach 100% renewable energy by 2050, and now is your chance to help decide how we reach that important goal.

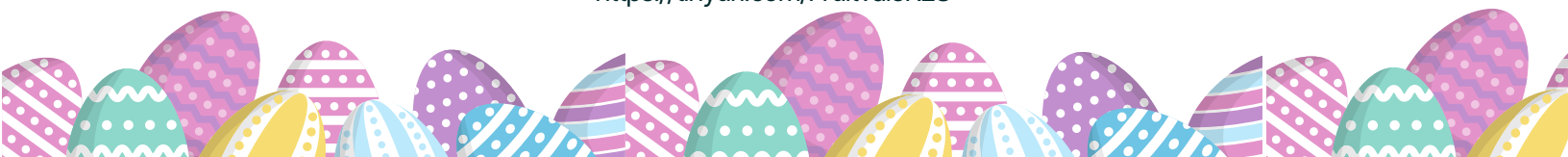
Come to the Renewable Energy Workshop at the Memorial Centre from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday, May 6, 2023 to help decide what actions are best for Fruitvale, and which are most important to do first.

Transitioning to renewable energy will provide a lot of benefits to everyone in Fruitvale, including reducing air pollution, lowering home energy bills, and creating new jobs in the growing renewable energy sector. Plus, transitioning to renewable energy will help us do our part to reduce the risks of wildfires, flooding and other impacts of climate change.

At the workshop, we'll be exploring how we can work together and leverage regional, federal and provincial grants to make it easier and cheaper to:

- save energy and money on heating and cooling
 - get around on foot, by transit, and by bike
 - use and recharge electric vehicles
 - generate renewable electricity and gas
- turn kitchen scraps into useful renewable energy and soil amendments
- and more!

Registration is appreciated but not required. Register online at
<https://tinyurl.com/FruitvaleRES>





Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali

Federal Boundary Changes - Quick Review

Thank you community members: Specifically, thanks to those who took the time to send your concerns and objections to MP Richard Cannings re: electoral boundary changes. WE DID IT – over 1100 submissions were made. FYIs: A federal census occurs every five years, and according to the Constitution of Canada, federal boundary reviews must take place every 10 years. An independent non-partisan commission is created for each province, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Commons. There are three members: one judge who chairs the commission, and two others. The “local” commission consisted of one member from West Vancouver, Vancouver and Penticton who were then tasked with this review and final decision making.

With a population increase in BC, the Southern Interior was given an additional seat in the House of Commons. While this piece was good news, the process that followed was not good news.

The commission sets out to balance population in each riding, For this area, the target was 116,000. Commissions are required to consider the various communities’ “interests AND identities,” as well as historical patterns of previously established boundaries. The Commission is mandated to hold at least one public hearing in the affected districts to facilitate participation in the process, share concerns and offer feedback.

The Commission presented the first draft of proposed Boundary Changes in Cranbrook last year at the ONLY public hearing that was held outside this Federal Riding. That first draft that did NOT impact us in any way. After several months, the commission produced a second draft, which was only presented to MP Cannings in late February. The Commission’s proposed changes had RADICALLY changed from the boundaries presented in Cranbrook last June. The local constituents were not given an opportunity to participate, nor were the historic and long-standing Kootenay Boundary communities of “Interest and Identity” considered.

The Lower Columbia community responded with an invitation to the three Commissioners to visit us here in the Lower Columbia Region and to provide a public hearing to the affected WK communities. The reply from the commission’s office so far, is to inform local residents that the time for public input ended last fall, and that the MP will now speak to any objections from the community. Updates will be provided as the matter continues to unfold.

THE FRUITVALE FIRE FIGHTERS SOCIETY PRESENTS
13TH ANNUAL BEAVER VALLEY

**SPRING CLEANUP
APRIL 21 & 24**

**Easter
EGG HUNT**

OVER 10,000
CHOCOLATE
EGGS TO
FIND!

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH
11:00AM

PEANUT FREE
CHOCOLATE
AVAILABLE

HAINES PARK, FRUITVALE
**HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES BY
DONATION**

For BV Foodbank appointments call

1st Thursday - Theresa 250 367 9791

2nd Thursday - Marcella 250 231 8009

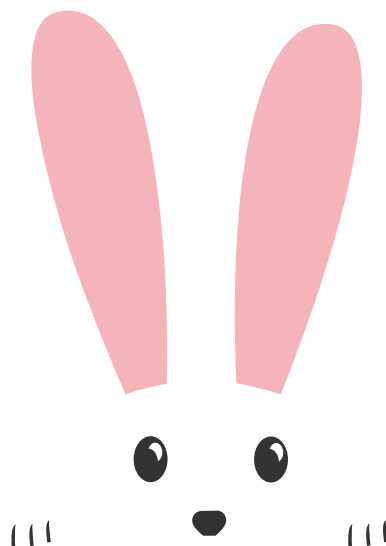
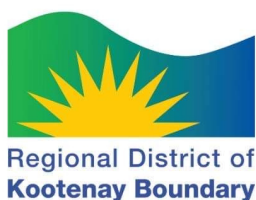
3rd Thursday - Elaine 250 231 2503

4th Thursday - George 250 367 9983

In an emergency call Maddy 250 367 6549



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BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Thursdays and Fridays
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturdays
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sign up for spring take-home craft bags, ages 5 – 12 by phone, 250-367-7114 or
email Gillian at bvplkids@telus.net or stop by the Library.

BV Food Bank has a donations box at the Library. Now you can drop off your donations Monday to Saturday.
Ready to grow? The Beaver Valley Library has started a Seed Library to borrow, grow and share seeds.



BEAVER VALLEY



SENIORS LUNCH

★★★ SERVED BUFFET ★★★
Tuesday, April 25
12.30PM
Fruitvale Hall

For Individual & Group bookings (6+)
RSVP to Kelly by April 18:
T: 250-231-5172, E: kwalker@rdkb.com

\$10
ENTRY

Draw prizes!



Beaver Valley
Recreation

FREE Webinar

Do you work in the local home building industry?

The BC Building Code changes from May 1.

Find out how the energy efficiency and zero carbon requirements will affect YOU!

Get the chance to ask questions too.



Thursday, April 13, 2023
8 - 9 AM

Register Now: www.rdkb.com



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

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

Kids Soccer for ages 3 & 4 – Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 2 – 18, 4 – 4:30pm, Lewis Softball Field, \$30

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. If you love working with children and being outdoors, please send your resume to kwalker@rdkb.com. A job posting is available on rdkb.com

Please visit rdkb.com, click on Recreation & Culture, Beaver Valley to find information on 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.

WHAT ARE YOUR RECREATION NEEDS?

BEAVER VALLEY
RECREATION,
PARKS & CULTURE
MASTER PLAN
COMING SOON!

Community
Engagement Starts in
June

Let us know if your group
wants to be part of the
process

Get Involved Online
JOIN THE CONVERSATION.RDKB.COM



Mark Daines, Manager
of Facilities and
Recreation

mdaines@rdkb.com

250-368-1333



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Upcoming meetings:

<https://rdkb.com/Regional-Government/Meetings> or call
RDKB
250-368-9148

The Village of Fruitvale

Upcoming meetings:

<https://fruitvale.ca/> or call
Village 250-367-7930

FRUITVALE MAY 11, 2023
OPEN HOUSE 3PM TO 6PM
FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL

April 3
to
May 11

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We are writing a new plan for
our collective future with you!

Share your perspective on how
we can realize a better future
for the #ColumbiaBasin.

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