



Fruitvale & Area 'A' News



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A TRASH TRANSFORMATION IS UNDERWAY IN THE MCKELVEY CREEK WASTESHED

From the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

There has been a lot of talk about trash within the McKelvey Creek Wasteshed as the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary ushers in change with a new waste reduction program, to secure a greener tomorrow.

The RDKB has posted its weekly green bin and garbage curbside collection schedule on its website <https://rdkb.com/Utilities-Waste/Garbage-Organics-and-Recycling/Curbside-Collection>. These calendars will also be delivered to residents within the first two weeks of September by the collection contractor GFL.

"Pickup days will mostly remain unchanged, though residents should verify any schedule alterations online," says Janine Dougall, RDKB's General Manager of Environmental Services.

Transition specifics vary by municipality: Dual garbage and green bin collections will be weekly, even in areas previously bi-weekly. The Green bin service requires no tag, while garbage bags need prepaid tags. A list of garbage tag retailers can be found online: <https://rdkb.com/Utilities-Waste/Garbage-Organics-and-Recycling/Garbage>

Green bins have been delivered to Rossland, Warfield, Trail, Montrose, Fruitvale, Area A, and Area B. GFL's split packer trucks, with separate compartments for waste types, will divert food waste from green bins and cut landfill by up to 38%. Surpassing backyard composting, catering to items like meat, bones and grease, Class A soil will be created from the food waste at RDCK's composting facility near Salmo.

"Keep yard waste, diapers, pet waste, metal, and all plastics out of green bins. Even 'compostable' or 'biodegradable' bags harm compost quality. Only kraft paper bags or 'Bag to Earth' liners are allowed. Alternatively, soiled newspaper or cardboard can be used," adds Dougall.

"We know change is difficult and we extend our gratitude to those embracing these changes. Our staff will continue to assist in educating residents in the proper processes and benefits of the new program. With support from our municipal partners, the transition of garbage collection to the regional district is well underway," says RDKB's Board Chair Linda Worley. "Our approach to sorting transforms waste into beneficial products and our goal is to notably reduce recyclable waste in landfills. Let's unite to bid farewell to landfill waste, uphold our Zero Waste Goals, achieve carbon neutrality in local governance, prolong the McKelvey Creek landfill's lifespan, and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions," she adds.

The implementation of garbage tag fees promotes fairness by only charging for waste by those who generate it. If residents utilize the available waste diversion programs, less garbage tags will need to be purchased. Garbage tags will cost \$3 each and allow for the pick-up of garbage to a maximum of 50 lbs.

NEW GARBAGE SERVICE FOR FRUITVALE RESIDENTS



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Effective October 1, 2023, there will be a new garbage service in the Village of Fruitvale operated by the RDKB. Village garbage bags have been eliminated. Moving forward, simply attach a garbage tag to your regular garbage bags.

FREE TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AFTER SEPT 7th



Although we cannot offer refunds for bags you've already purchased, we're providing 13 free tags to all residents to cover the prepaid annual Fruitvale Garbage service from Oct 1st through Dec 31st. Please note that there will no longer be an annual charge on your annual utility bill that comes out in March.

PRICE OF NEW TAGS

Each garbage tag will be \$3.00, compared to the previous cost of \$4.40 per bag. Garbage tags will be available at the Village office for purchase.

Please contact the village
with questions/concerns

250-367-7551

info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca



NEW RDKB 'AREA A' GARBAGE SERVICE

For many residents in these areas, you have either never had garbage pick up or you have a direct contract with a local hauling company (such as GFL or Waste Management). Starting October 2, 2023, the RDKB will be providing weekly curbside collection of green bin and garbage to the vast majority of residents.

A collection calendar will be delivered to residents within the first two weeks of September by GFL staff. Keep an eye out for it!

THE FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS IS GOING ELECTRONIC JANUARY, 2024.

To receive the newsletters, please send your email address to 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.



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Electoral Area A Director Ali

New School Year with a New Look for our School

The new exterior on Fruitvale Elementary School is eye-catching and beautiful. Kudos to the School Trustees and the Province for promoting and funding this project; we all appreciate the upgrade. The exterior cladding is scheduled to be completed this winter and new window installations done by spring.

Updates re: the Beaver Siding Train Station

The project is in the risk management phase of review prior to shovels-in-ground. RDKB staff undertake risk management with due diligence ensuring mandated standards are met and that the project adheres to scope. One example of potential risk was based on soil analysis. Soil was tested for possible contaminants not once, but twice. That analysis is now in final review and will be sent to building inspectors for their input. That will be the final action in order to update the lease agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe. The process takes time but ensures, to the best possible degree, that all risks have been considered and when necessary, mitigated.

Given the time required for mandatory processes and reviews, the committed revenue has accumulated. Project revenues forecasted for 2024 are at \$1.3 million with no taxation to you for capital if all goes well. That amount is largely from ongoing contributions from Area A Dams revenue and a one-time donation of \$250K from Area A Gas Tax. The \$250K was matched by Columbia Basin Trust. While our shovels may have accumulated a bit of dust, the hope is for shovels-in-ground in Spring 2024.

The train station building will provide public spaces for social gatherings, meetings and other local events. The space will include a small kitchenette, museum space and possibly a tourism information centre.

Area A's Contributions to the Beaver Valley

Area A is a major contributor to projects and community development in the Beaver Valley. Already mentioned is the \$250K contribution, directly to the Train Station. \$200K annually from the Area A dams revenue will continue to offer similar contributions to community endeavours. It is important to highlight how this regional district supports the municipalities within our region.

Area A Community Contributions since 2007:

TOTAL Area A Gas Tax: \$976,000.00 already spent or committed

TOTAL Area A Grant in Aid Monies: \$562,400.00 already dispersed

GRAND TOTAL of GRANT MONIES FROM AREA A = \$1,538,000.00

Many projects would not happen without these funds.

It's because of good teamwork with the Villages of Fruitvale and Montrose!



Mayor Steve Morissette - September Update

I hope the summer has been good to everyone as we move toward fall.

You should have heard by now that there are positive changes coming to our garbage collection with the addition of a green bin composting service managed by our Regional District. All communities in our area, with the exception of Montrose, have chosen to partner with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for garbage collection in order to reduce costs as one truck with two compartments will be doing the full service of garbage and compost collection. This will result in reduced costs to our residents as the Village will no longer be charging the annual garbage fee of \$88.00 and requiring the use of Village garbage bags; instead, residents will be required to purchase tags at a cost of \$3.00/ea to be affixed to their own garbage bags. Service levels for both garbage and green bin collection will be once per week, year-round. Watch for collection schedules to be published by the Regional District prior to October.

You can all see the progress on our 37-seat Beaver Valley Daycare facility alongside Columbia Gardens Road. Completion is scheduled for October with set-up taking place until December 31st, with the opening in January 2024. Our 31-unit Housing complex behind the Daycare is scheduled to break ground by November. Work also continues on our active transportation plan - watch for a survey and community meeting to discuss what is needed for people to get around Fruitvale more safely when walking, biking, scooters, etc.

Big thank you to our volunteers for Fruitvale's Incredible Farmers Market! It's been a fantastic this summer with the market. Don't miss the last few markets as there are so many awesome local vendors of produce, baking, wine and spirits, coffee, food, ice cream, home made crafts and bath products, etc.

Thank you also goes to the volunteers putting on the monthly trunk/tailgate sale this summer and fall. Watch for the next one on September 10th and pick up something for yourself or sell some items you no longer use. It's much easier for you than setting up a garage sale; simply load up your items bring them down and sell to someone that can use them.

Lastly if you have extra produce or fruit from your garden, contact our local food bank as there are a lot of families that would be happy to have it.



Message from Councillor Wes Startup - Flood Mitigation

On Saturday, May 6, Beaver Creek flooded sections of the Village. The surge of water was preceded by several days of unseasonably warm weather, mid to high 30's, which melted the snowpack at quite a fast rate. This freshet was exacerbated by a very heavy rain fall on May 5th. Water levels reached heights rarely, some say never, seen before. An official Emergency was declared and sections of Beaver Street and Laurier Avenue were placed on an Evacuation Alert. Village staff were mobilized and reacted to the flood in a very professional manner. Sand and sandbags were deployed, and communication was established with the Regional Emergency Coordinator. Fruitvale firefighters at Station 376 were called out to assist along with many community members filling and laying sandbags. Thankfully, once the water receded, only minor damage was incurred and no one was hurt.

The cost to the Village for all this activity was in the range of \$10,000 - some recoverable some not. Village Council has discussed and set in motion steps forward to create a mitigation plan that will allow us to respond in a proactive way to flooding. Over the coming months we'll develop an emergency management plan that will help anticipate the need to act ahead of the event - deploying flood barriers for example. More information to come later in the fall.

In closing Lori and I wish to thank all those folks who lent a hand when it was needed most. It was fantastic to see our community come together like that and most appreciated!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

Village Meeting Dates

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

RDKB Meeting Dates

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

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PROPERTY TAX SALE

The Village of Fruitvale's 2023 Tax Sale is scheduled for 10:00 am sharp on Monday, September 25, 2023 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 - 2021, 2022 and 2023) you must pay the delinquent (2021) taxes before 9:59am September 25, 2023 to keep your property from being sold at the tax sale.

A listing of tax sale properties will appear in the September 19 and 21 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 14, 2023.

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 2023 Tax Sale, please contact Misti at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 250-367-7551 or email finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

2023 OUTSTANDING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE UTILITIES

Reminder to users:

- All outstanding water, sewer and garbage utilities are due no later than October 31, 2023 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. **These bags can still be used after September 30, but they will require a garbage tag affixed to each bag to be collected.**

If you have any questions regarding 2023 utilities, please contact Misti at the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or email finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca



WINTER PREPARATIONS - BOULEVARDS

It's time for residents to prepare for the upcoming snow removal season, which means all recreational vehicles, basketball hoops, construction material, solar lights, flower planters, etc., must be removed from boulevards by **October 20**. It also means that it's time for residents to find off-street and off-boulevard parking for their vehicles.

Residents with fences bordering Village streets are reminded to ensure their fences are strong enough to withstand loads from snow plowed and pushed back to widen streets. Public Works takes extreme care when pushing back snow, but damage is possible. The Village of Fruitvale is not responsible for damage to fences or other objects that may occur during the course of performing regular duties.

BE BEAR AWARE

How can you help ensure bears don't get habituated to our residential areas?

- Keep household garbage/cans, compost bins and recycling bins in a secure location until the morning of their collection day;
- Bring garbage cans, compost bins and recycling bins in from the curb as soon as possible after collection;
- Keep garbage cans, compost and recycling bins clean;
- Ensure fruit trees are picked and the area under the trees are kept clear of fallen fruit;
- Clean barbeques after each use;
- Keep pet food indoors.

BURNING BANS AND WILDFIRES

As of September 1, the campfire ban has been rescinded, however the following equipment and activities remain prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre:

- Category 2 and Category 3 Open Fires, as defined in the Wildfire Regulation;
- the use of burn barrels and burn cages;
- the use of air curtain burners;
- the use of sky lanterns;
- the use of fireworks, including firecrackers; and
- the use of binary exploding targets.

For more information on fire bans please visit:

<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

If you see smoke, flames or a prohibited fire violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from your cell phone.

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION NEWS

Please visit rdkb.com, click on Recreation & Culture, Beaver Valley to find information on the following programs that will be starting up in September and October:

Babysitting Course, Stay Safe Home Alone, Evening Gentle Yoga, Morning Gentle Yoga, ACT Fitness, Zumba, Zumba Kids, Body Weight/Bands/Balls, Senior Line Dance, Astrology Birth Chart Workshop

Public Skating & Drop In Hockey starts the first week of October.

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

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



Upcoming programs at the Library include:

- Weekly craft bags for children ages 5 to 12. Spaces are limited so sign up today by emailing Gillian at bvplkids@telus.net to register.
- Adult weekly drop-in Needlework on Mondays from 1:00 - 3:00pm starting September 11;
- Online Genealogy Workshop on Wednesday September 20 from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

For more information on events and programs at the BV Public Library, call 250-367-7114 or visit <https://beavervalley.bc.libraries.coop/calendar/>



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

Beaver Valley Youth Action Network events begin this month. Be sure to follow them on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Action Network for program and event dates.

For more information or to register for any BVYAN events, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

LOCAL MAKE BAKE GROW

FRUITVALE'S FARMERS MARKET

A MARKET FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Pole Yard Lane - 3:00 to 7:00 pm

September 6, 20

October 4, 18





FruitvalesFarmersMarket
fruitvalesfarmersmarket@gmail.com
VENDORS APPLY ONLINE AT www.trailfarmersmarket.com
Lesley @ 778-878-7770



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 6.

Bingo starts at 6:00 pm.

Bring a friend or two - we hope to see you there!



TAILGATE SALE SERIES 2023

The 2023 Trunk & Tailgate Sale series where you can sell your unwanted items from your car or truck continues this fall.

The final two dates of the 2023 Trunk & Tailgate sale series will be held on Pole Yard Lane on **Sunday, September 10 and Sunday, October 1.**

Just DRIVE ON OVER! No reservations needed. Sellers pay just \$10 per vehicle. Set up a table if you want. Buyers enter free.

All proceeds go to the Village.

If you can spare a few hours to help on the above days, please contact Vince at vincetrev@yahoo.com

BV SENIORS' LUNCH IN THE PARK

\$10 ENTRY

BEAVER VALLEY FAMILY PARK
2778 MARSH CREEK RD, FRUITVALE, BC



TUES,
19 SEPT, 2023



LAWN CHAIRS OPTIONAL

12:00-1:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC
'ALL ABOARD'

12:30 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED



GET THE CHANCE TO TRY PICKLEBALL TOO!

RSVP:

JAYME FOWLER
250-231-7260
BY SEPT 12TH

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP BOOKINGS



Beaver Valley
Recreation

BEAVER VALLEY
RECREATION PRESENTS

Friday
SEPT 29

POP-UP
EVENT
#2

SEASONED
SIPSTERS!

JOIN US FOR SOME
MIDDLER
WINE REVELRY

COST INCLUDES:
WINE TOUR,
TASTING AND APPETIZERS
ART DISPLAY BY LARS BAGGENSTOS

\$35!

SHUTTLE
SERVICE
AVAILABLE
FOR A SAFE RIDE
HOME

Meet at Mountain Soul Winery
392 Columbia Gardens Rd, Trail 6pm

Other adult beverages
available

ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE! First Come First
Served. Must pre-pay and pre-register by calling
Jayme Fowler 250-231-7260.



Beaver Valley
Recreation

OUR COMMUNITY ROCKS!

A big thank you to all the participants, our parks program leaders and all the volunteers who helped with the seniors' monthly luncheons and community events.

Summer 2023

was a blast!



Beaver Valley
Recreation



YOU FOUND SOME WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE TO RUN THIS CAMP AND THEY MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD FOR MY SON.
HE WILL NEVER FORGET THIS FIRST SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE, NOR HIS INSTRUCTORS!



Danielle Lachance
★★★★★

SUMMER
CAMP



Beaver Valley
Recreation



SEPT 16 & 17, 2023 CAMP TWEEDSMUIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY!

Come and see what has happened to the camp in 90 years!

Hours 10am - 5pm each day, Cake cutting is Saturday September 16th at 3pm

Historical displays, scouts to visit with, refreshments and snacks, information on groups in the area.



1997 Italian Tower



Beaver Creek Bridge 1936



CAMP TWEEDSMUIR
1620 Scout Road
Fruitvale BC
VOG 1L0

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 250-231-2503**

**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 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, 1:00-3:00 pm

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

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

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Start date to be announced

Cards - Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 pm

For membership and activities information please call

Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685.



BEAVER VALLEY THRIFT SHOP

Residents are reminded that the Beaver Valley Thrift Shop is a non-profit organization with all proceeds going to local charities. It is operated by volunteers who give up time from their day to unpack, sort and display the donations to sell. It should go without saying that the volunteers be treated respectfully by donors and shoppers. Rules have been established for the type and condition of donations that are accepted, and the volunteers are enforcing these rules. Rude and intimidating behaviour towards the volunteers is not warranted or acceptable.

The Beaver Valley Thrift Shop, like all thrift shops and second-hand stores, **is not** a dumpsite for broken, dirty, ripped or unuseable items and should not be treated as such. The rules are very much common sense rules and are very easy to follow. Item **NOT ACCEPTED** are as follows:

- **Dirty, broken, worn-out/ripped clothing or items**
- **Electronics**
- **Furniture or appliances**
- **More than 2 bags/boxes per person per visit**
- **Donations after 3:30 PM**
- **RUDE BEHAVIOUR**

For the unaccepted items list above, please recycle and dispose of them properly; don't bring them to the Thrift Store. Thrift Shop volunteers do not have the resources to dispose of unaccepted items. it is imperative that the rules be adhered to.

The Fruitvale Thrift Store is located at 1846 First Street, Fruitvale, BC. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00am - 4:00pm. If you need to contact them, please email bvthriftstore@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who follow the rules for donating and to everyone who supports this wonderful community service.



The Beaver Valley Water Service continues to be on a Stage 3 water conservation level until further notice.



OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

Beaver Valley Water Service

WATER ACTIVITY	STAGE 1 Normal	STAGE 2 Dry	STAGE 3 Very Dry	STAGE 4 Extremely Dry
Sprinkler or Irrigation (Lawn, trees, shrubs, flower gardens)	EVEN numbered addresses Tue Thu Sat ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Sun Permitted Hours: 4am to 9am & 7pm to 10pm No watering allowed on Mondays	EVEN numbered addresses Tue Thu Sat ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Sun Permitted Hours: 4am to 6am & 8pm to 10pm No watering allowed on Mondays	EVEN numbered addresses Tue Thu ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Permitted Hours: 4am to 6am & 8pm to 10pm No watering allowed Mon, Sat & Sun	Prohibited
Micro Irrigation or Drip Irrigation System	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed 4am to 9am & 7pm to 10pm
Watering with handheld container or hose with shut-off nozzle	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed 7pm to 7am	Prohibited
Washing personal vehicles (does not apply to commercial car wash stations)	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Prohibited
Cleaning surfaces, sidewalks, driveways	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling fountains, hot tubs, pools	Allowed	Allowed	Prohibited	Prohibited
Watering sod, new grass, plantings	Allowed with authorization from RDKB Environmental Services	Allowed with authorization from RDKB Environmental Services	Prohibited	Prohibited

Questions? Contact watersmart@rdkb.com



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

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