



# Fruitvale & Area 'A' News



FEBRUARY 2024

ISSUE #2

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



Village of Fruitvale  
1947 Beaver Street  
Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0  
Ph: 250-367-7551  
Fax: 250-367-9267  
Public Works & After-Hours  
Emergencies: 250-367-6162

General Email  
[info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

Newsletter Email  
[newsletter@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:newsletter@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

Web  
[www.fruitvale.ca](http://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](http://www.rdkb.com)

Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve  
[agrieve@rdkb.com](mailto:agrieve@rdkb.com)

## FAMILY FUN SNOW DAY

**HAINES PARK FRUITVALE** NEW LOCATION!  
**SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> • 11AM - 2PM**

Join your friends and neighbours at the park! Bring snow toys, but please leave dogs at home

### EVENTS

#### ❄ Village People Sliding Ramp ❄

- ❄ Snowshoeing - Bring your own and hike around the park or race your friends.
- ❄ Hang out with the BV Nitehawks players and get autographs
- ❄ Orienteering
- ❄ South Columbia Search & Rescue Activity
- ❄ Scavenger Hunt
- ❄ Tug of War
- ❄ Kiddies play area - toys, sled rides, snow painting
- ❄ Art tent with button making
- ❄ Mini Sticks
- ❄ Snow Disc Golf
- ❄ BV Daycare Centre Activity

### FOOD (FREE, ACCEPTING CASH DONATIONS FOR THE BV FOOD BANK)

- Hot Dogs • Chili • Beaver Tails • Hot Chocolate • Coffee • Candy
- Popcorn • Cookies • Cotton Candy

### PARTICIPATION PRIZES

For anyone who attends including spectators. Bring a chair, have a coffee, watch the fun!

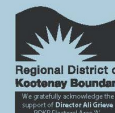
#### Prizes and Give-aways include:

- Snowshoes • Beaver Valley Cross Country Family Ski Pass
- Disc Golf Discs • BV Nitehawks Swag • Beaver Valley Skate Passes
- Trail Aquatic Passes • Crazy Carpets • Up to Snow Good tattoos & stickers



SPONSORED BY

BEAVER VALLEY  
THRIVING COMMUNITIES  
— SOCIETY —



Columbia  
Basin trust



## Beaver Valley Seniors DINNER & DANCE

### Tuesday, February 27

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL  
COCKTAILS: 4:30PM  
DINNER: 5:30PM  
DANCE: 7:00PM-9:30PM

**TICKET COST: \$20.00**

Purchase tickets at the Village of Fruitvale, Village of Montrose and at the Seniors Lunch on January 16. Last day to purchase tickets is February 16. Maximum tickets is 210.





**ALI GRIEVE,**  
**DIRECTOR AREA A**



## Family Day is February 19 – Make it Special!

Family Day is celebrated on the third Monday of every February, although not a stat holiday for everyone. This is intended as a time set aside to simply: spend time with your family! Grab some friends if that works for you too.

## Family Day's Origins

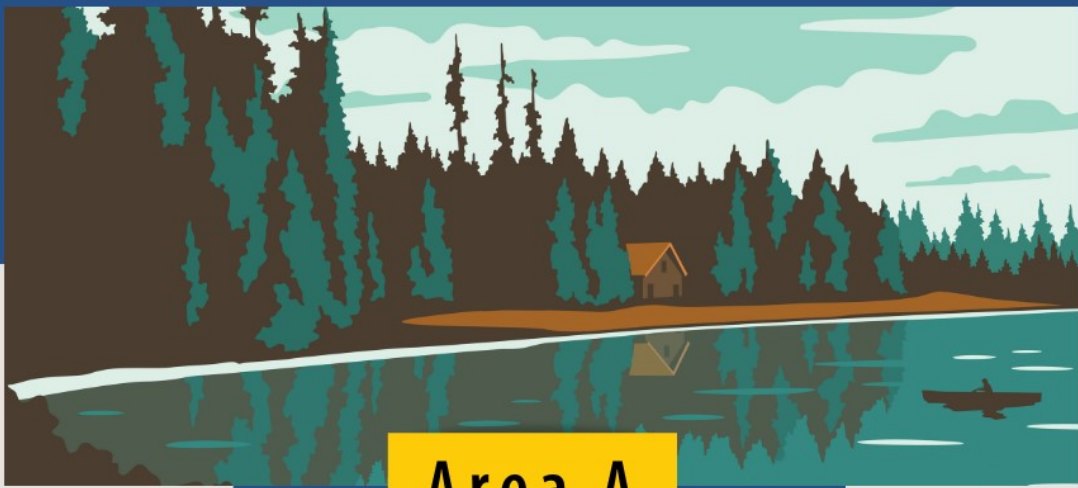
Family Day got its start in Alberta when Helen Hunley — the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta — passed the Family Day Act in 1990. Eventually other provinces opted in. British Columbia in 2013.

Many workplaces honour this day. I hope you and your family are able to have this time together. The Beaver Valley has so many wonderful things to offer – just get out there. Or stay home and make ravioli.....

Don't forget the *Up to Snow Good Day Family Fun Day* on February 10 at HAINES PARK THIS YEAR! See you there.



Join us! For **YOUR**  
Town  
Hall Meeting



**Area A**

Tuesday, February 13  
Fruitvale Memorial Hall, 6pm



## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MORISSETTE



This month I'd like to share with everyone a speech I addressed the Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors when they met for their winter meeting in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on January 26th as it has a lot of information on our plans going forward.

*Good afternoon everyone and thank you so much for choosing to meet in Fruitvale, we are very happy to have you here this afternoon.*

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to talk about Fruitvale and our role in what some call the Greater Trail Area, I prefer to call us the Greater Fruitvale area, it's exciting talking about our project's past, present, and future.*

*We are gathered in our beautiful Hall that has been supported by CBT for many projects both within and surrounding the Hall, our senior's gym downstairs, our RV Park behind the Hall, additionally the purchase of the piece of land bordering the creek behind the Hall was purchased with your support.*

*Going forward we have lots of plans on the books that we have shared with your very helpful Community Liaison. We have a plan to make the land I mentioned behind the Hall a community gathering/event space with a gazebo and other amenities, this will be a welcome addition for outdoor celebrations and gatherings that then have the comfort and convenience of our well equipped commercial kitchen and indoor Hall space.*

*Beyond this space we are building a plan for lower Creekside Park on the far side of the bridge with plans to remove a crumbling retaining wall and fence to allow creek access for summer recreation and double as a flood mitigation area during freshet.*

*Alongside the historic tracks that planted the seed for Fruitvale in 1893 is Railway Park. CBT supported us in the construction of this park, and also committed to support the Train Station which Ali spoke to or will speak to.*

*Our former Middle School property up near the Fruitvale ball parks and Arena is also developing with the support of CBT. We were supported from the beginning in building a 3-phase masterplan for the 3.7 ha site, it is about 4 years since we had the completed masterplan in hand and we are very happy to say we are well on our way to having Phase One of the masterplan complete.*

*In Phase One, we are opening our new 37-seat daycare soon; behind the daycare, ground was recently broken for 31 units of affordable housing, we are partnered with the LCAHS on with both projects supported by CBT; and the last piece of the Phase One property is on BC Bid as we speak with a handful of developers interested to build multi-family housing with about 12-14 units. These are key pieces to the economic development and sustainability of Fruitvale.*

*We realized that adding daycare and significant housing next door to our parks and arena meant we should build a long term plan for the park. Council engaged all of the user groups to build a plan that works for all ages and abilities at the parks. We will accomplish the plan over the course 8-10 years; this year's opportunity is to refurbish and add artificial turf to our little league park. Artificial turf has many environmental benefits - it eliminates sprinkling, fertilizing, use of herbicides, and mowing. Our awesome staff led the granting opportunity with the Toronto Blue Jays Foundation and we were successful in the first round towards \$250,000. The next step is to build an accurate budget and work with a supporting partner to be ultimately successful.*

*We were very fortunate to be successful in a government grant to build an active transportation plan for Fruitvale. We are also a partner in the South Kootenay Green Link steering committee lead by the RDKB to build a non-motorized commuter link between Rossland and Fruitvale connecting all communities in between. Both projects will be knocking on your door after plans are completed.*

continued on next page



## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MORISSETTE continued

*I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the Resident Directed or Redi Grants. Dozens of projects that wouldn't otherwise have happened were completed by our member owned and operated curling and golf clubs, as well as Camp Tweedsmuir Scout Camp, the BV Snowmobile club, and the X-country Ski Club, minor sports, food bank, thrift store and many others. I must highlight the Beaver Valley Manor. For those that don't know, we have had a two storey 40 apartment affordable housing complex down the street run by the BV Manor Society for nearly 50 years. People can still access a one bedroom apartment for \$519 or a bachelor suite for \$482 including everything but telephone & internet for which the society has negotiated a low group rate. There are no government subsidies for this facility. The chairperson of the Society asked me to thank you profusely because they couldn't continue to do this without your support. She told me they have received over \$220,000 of CBT support for upgrades since 2012, a big portion of that through the resident directed stream.*

*Everything we are doing in Fruitvale has an eye to making Fruitvale sustainable, building a vibe in our downtown, and improving the quality of life for people. It's a process...in the end Fruitvale will be more financially sustainable and offer a lot more to our area.*

*Thank you to all of the Board of Directors for giving of your time and expertise to support and enrich life in the Columbia Basin. Columbia Basin Trust is so important to the quality of life in the Greater Fruitvale Area - we may be mini but CBT helps make us mighty.*

*Thank you for your tremendous support and for coming to Fruitvale this afternoon.*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

#### Village of Fruitvale Meeting Dates

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

#### RDKB Meeting Dates

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

### FAMILY DAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Village of Fruitvale Office and Public Works Department, and the RDKB Office will be closed on **Monday, February 19** for the Family Day statutory holiday. For emergencies needing immediate attention, please call 250.367.6162 for the Village's answering service.

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

**The Village of Fruitvale turns 75  
on November 4, 2027!**

The 50th celebration in 2002 was a great weekend, let's make the 75th one even better! To do this, we need volunteers to form a planning committee to bring on the biggest celebration Fruitvale has seen to date!

Planning this celebration needs to start soon; so if this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, please send your name and contact information to the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or email to [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca).

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



**Do you care about community events and keeping tradition alive? Then the Village of Fruitvale needs you!**

Come join Councillor Julia Mason on the newly formed Candy Cane Lane Committee, a committee to bring new life to a great kick-off to Christmas tradition, Candy Cane Lane.

The 2024 event is scheduled for mid December and planning needs to start early to make it a successful event. If you feel have ideas and some time to lend a hand, please email your name and contact information to [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca).





## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CLOSURE OF FORMER BEAVER VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING AND PROPERTY

Dear Community Members,

**Subject: Closure of the former Beaver Valley Middle School Building and Property Due to Structural Damage to the building**

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you about a recent development regarding the former Beaver Valley Middle School building.

Due to unforeseen structural damage, it has become necessary to close off the former Beaver Valley Middle School building and property. The safety and well-being of our community members are our top priorities. The damage is currently being assessed, and necessary measures are being taken to address the issue promptly.

As a result, we kindly request that all community members avoid the former Beaver Valley Middle School site until further notice. This precaution is taken to ensure the safety of everyone in the vicinity of the affected building.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Village of Fruitvale



### LCAHS and Village of Fruitvale Seeking Building Names for New Affordable Housing Building

The Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society and the Village of Fruitvale are pleased to welcome name suggestions from the public for the new Affordable Rental Housing building which will be located at 96 Deadmarsh Avenue, Fruitvale.

Possible names should appeal to Fruitvale residents; be simple, distinctive, and recognizable; may convey a sense of place and celebrate the distinguishing characteristics of the neighbourhood or Fruitvale area; and should respect the community's values, history, and culture, including those of the local and traditional Indigenous groups. Creativity is welcomed!

LCAHS and the Village of Fruitvale will be accepting names until April 1, 2024. Suggestions will be accepted in writing to LCAHS, PO Box 44, Trail, BC V1R 4L3 or via the contact page of the LCAHS website, <https://www.lowercolumbiahousing.ca/contact>.

The LCAHS and the Village of Fruitvale will review suggestions and work together to choose the new building name. They will jointly announce the new name by May 15, 2024.

When completed in late 2025, the landmark building will have 31 units of mixed income affordable rental housing for lower income families, seniors and adults with diagnosed developmental disabilities. This project is being made possible with financial support from BC Housing, Columbia Basin Trust, Teck Trail Operations and Kootenay Savings Community Foundation.



## 2024 WATER AND SEWER USER FEES

The 2024 water and sewer invoices will be sent out by the end of February. A 5% discount will be offered until March 31.

If you have any questions or if you do not receive your invoice, please contact the Village Office a 250-367-7551 or [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca).

## ATTENTION VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE RESIDENTS ONLY GARBAGE TAGS

There seems to be a number of Village of Fruitvale homeowners who have yet to pick up their first 13 garbage tags offered back in October 2023. Stop by the Village Office to pick them up.

## WHERE TO PURCHASE GARBAGE TAGS

The Village Office is not the only place in Fruitvale to purchase garbage tags - Liberty Foods also sells them. The price is still the same no matter where they are purchased.

Tags can also be purchased at these other local municipalities and businesses:

**Trail:** Trail City Hall, Ferraro Foods, No Frills, Safeway, Canadian Tire, McKelvey Creek Landfill, RDKB Office

**Warfield:** Warfield Village Office, Petro Canada

**Rossland:** Rossland City Hall, Alpine Drug Mart, Ferraro Foods

## GARBAGE RECEPTACLES AT CANADA POST

Due to the amount of recycling being disposed of in the garbage receptacles in front of Canada Post, the Village has had to remove them. A smaller green metal garbage receptacle has been installed on the pole **for light garbage use only. It is not to be used for disposing household garbage or recycling.** Please dispose of these items at home.



## Expression of Interest CAMPGROUND HOST

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) is seeking an onsite Campground Host for the Beaver Valley Family Park Campground for the 2024 operating season. Beaver Valley Family Park is located at Marsh Creek between Salmo and Fruitvale. The park includes 20 campsites with power and water hookups, washrooms and showers, a fully equipped kitchen, a gazebo with barbeques, a championship disc golf course, pickleball court, and children's playground.

The Beaver Valley Family Park Host will be responsible for providing a safe, sanitary, socially acceptable, and environmentally responsible recreation experience. The Host will help recover operational costs through the collection of camp fees. The Host will be required to provide personal onsite accommodation. The contract will run from May long weekend until Labour Day weekend 2024. The Host will be paid \$1,700/month for a total of \$6,500. The host will be required to provide proof of General Liability Insurance for an amount of \$5,000,000 and provide a criminal record check.

For inquiries, please contact Mark Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation at 250-368-1333 or [mdaines@rdkb.com](mailto:mdaines@rdkb.com).

## STREETLIGHTS

If you notice a streetlight not working please report it to the Village Office, [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

**Be sure to include the location of the pole, the number on the pole and the problem with the light.**

The Village will report it to FortisBC, who will repair as time permits.





**BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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



There are limited spots for craft bags for children ages 5-12. Email Gillian at [bvplkids@telus.net](mailto:bvplkids@telus.net)

Did you know you can take certificate courses via the Library website for free? You just need a Beaver Valley Public Library card. Ask us for more information.

Do you knit, crochet, embroider? Needlework Drop-in is every Monday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

For more information on events and programs at the BV Public Library, call 250-367-7114 or visit [Beaver Valley Library Calendar](#)


**BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK**  
**Programs for Beaver Valley Youth ages 12-18**

The **Ski Red** program is happening again this year. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. To get your ticket please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator, at [beavervalleyyan@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleyyan@gmail.com), and remember to follow us on Facebook.

**Friday, February 23 - Bowling** 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Beaver Valley bowling lanes - registration not required, just show up and have fun!

**BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION NEWS**

Please visit [Beaver Valley Recreation](#) for information on the following programs and events:

Senior's Lunches, Babysitting Course, Stay Safe Home Alone, Astrology Birth Chart Workshop, Reiki Workshop, Standing Balance Workshop, Ayurveda Workshop, Evening Gentle Yoga with Jodi, Morning Gentle Yoga with Wendy, Chair Yoga with Abby, Restorative Deep Stretch with Abby, Body Weight/Bands/Balls, Senior Line Dance, ACT Fitness, Zumba, Hot Shots Hockey, Ladies Drop-In Hockey, Parent & Tot Skating/Hockey, Drop-In Hockey for ages 4-8, 9-14 & 15-18 and Public Skating.

To register for programs, please email Kelly at [kwalker@rdkb.com](mailto:kwalker@rdkb.com) or text/call 250-231-5172.

To register for the Seniors Lunches and any special events, please email Jayme at [bvevents@rdkb.com](mailto:bvevents@rdkb.com) or text/call 250-231-7260.

**BEAVER VALLEY BOWLING CLUB****Open Bowling dates and times:**

**Feb. 3 & 4** - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Feb. 9** - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Feb. 11, 17, 18, & 24** - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Note: these hours are subject to change if private parties are booked. Please keep updated with our Beaver Valley Bowling Club Facebook page. We are accepting private and non-private party bookings, please email us at [info@bvb bowlingclub.ca](mailto:info@bvb bowlingclub.ca). If you call the club phone number, chances are we won't be getting back to you very soon.

**PARKING AT FRUITVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

Parents of children attending Fruitvale Elementary School are reminded that children should be dropped off and picked up at the bottom of the stairs on Beaver Street, just past the lower field or at the footbridge area along Laurier Avenue.

Parents and caregivers should not be parking along Columbia Gardens Road or on private property to drop off or pick up children. Also, there is a sidewalk on Columbia Gardens Road that should not be parked on and there are yellow 'no parking' lines that need to be observed and adhered to.

Parents, caregivers and residents of Beaver Street East are also reminded of the sidewalk along Beaver Street from the intersection of Columbia Gardens Road to Laurier Avenue. Please do not park vehicles on the sidewalk as it puts pedestrians in danger when they have to walk around the vehicles and onto the road. Please, for everyone's safety, drop-off and pick-up your children in the designated areas.



## BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH #44 WEEKLY EVENTS

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**

(for more info on Carpet Bowling call Judy,  
250-367-9035)

**Wellness Wednesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

(activities and lunch for \$2)

**Cards - Thursdays, Noon - 12:00 Noon**

**Monthly Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month**

For membership and activities information please call Brenda 250.367.3839 or Kris 250.367.9685.

## BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK

The Beaver Valley Food Bank is located beside 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.



## SNOWBUSTERS



Are you a Snowbuster? You are if you grab your shovel and/or snow blower and lend a hand to your neighbours! From the first snowfall there are residents in the Village that find it a challenge keeping their driveways and sidewalks free of snow and ice, particularly our seniors and/or disabled residents. Thank you to residents who performed a 'Random Act of Kindness' and helped out your neighbour by being a Snowbuster!

If you are a recipient of a Snowbuster's Random Act of Kindness, now is your chance to show your appreciation. Submit your snowbuster's name to [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) along with a brief explanation of how your Snowbuster helped you. At the end of the season all nominations will be placed in a draw for a gift certificate from a local business.

## RDKB HOMESMART

RDKB HomeSmart, a free home retrofit guidance service, has officially launched. It is designed to simplify the energy-efficient and resilient home improvement process. From the initial sign-up to enjoying your home improvements, RDKB HomeSmart provides comprehensive support at every step.

Efficient and resilient retrofits are important for reducing energy consumption, lowering costs, and future-proofing homes. By joining RDKB HomeSmart, participants gain access to a range of benefits, including time-saving processes, simplified navigation of rebates and loans, and expert guidance from a knowledgeable independent team.

Residents can visit <https://homesmart.rdkb.com> for more information, to sign up, and kickstart their retrofit journey. Enquiries can also be directed to RDKB HomeSmart via phone at 250.368.0284 or by email at [homesmart@rdkb.com](mailto:homesmart@rdkb.com).

The program is supported by the Columbia Basin Trust, FortisBC, as well as the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.



Discover ways to make  
YOUR home more  
efficient and resilient.

[homesmart.rdkb.com](https://homesmart.rdkb.com)

**Begin YOUR retrofit  
journey with us**

