

BEAVER VALLEY

BULLETIN



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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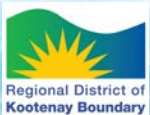


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Come and say hi to Ireland and her handler Jenn

Community Connect Fair

Free Admission!
All Ages Event

Explore what your community can do for you!
Light refreshments will be provided and door prizes.

April 26th
2024
11 am - 2 pm
Old Zellers @
Waneta
Plaza

**Community Resources
for ALL Ages!**

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RDKB HOME SMART

Attention income-qualified homeowners in the Beaver Valley! Are you looking to make your home more energy-efficient without breaking the bank? Look no further! The RDKB's HomeSmart Program is here to make it easier than ever.

With FREE guidance and support from our dedicated team, you can access up to \$33,900 in rebates for energy-efficient upgrades—think windows, doors, heat pumps, and more! No energy assessments required!

Depending on your income, you could qualify for 60% to 95% of upgrade costs. Plus, through the Energy Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) you can enjoy FREE weatherstripping, LED light bulbs, water-efficient devices and some homes qualify for upgrades like an energy-efficient fridge and insulation.

Don't let financial barriers hold you back from improving your home's comfort and sustainability. Reach out to the RDKB HomeSmart team today to see how we can help you unlock these valuable resources!

COMMUNITY CONNECT FAIR

Save the date! Come along to The Community Connect Fair on Friday, April 26th, 11am - 2pm, Waneta Plaza, Trail.

The whole event will give you the chance to explore the amazing community resources on your doorstep, for all ages. During your visit say hi to Ireland, our local justice facility support dog. She will be there with her primary handler Jenn, RDKB's Program Manager of Victim Support. Raven from RDKB's HomeSmart program will also be on hand if you're looking to make your home more energy efficient, without breaking the bank. There are lots of rebates currently available for income qualified households.

We're your gateway to **AFFORDABLE** energy efficiency & resiliency upgrades

RDKB HomeSmart | Begin your retrofit journey with us.

INCOME QUALIFIED?

THERE ARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR YOU!

WE CAN HELP YOU UPGRADE YOUR HOME WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK.

GET IN TOUCH! ACT NOW, SAVE LATER.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR FREE GUIDANCE:
homesmart.rdkb.com

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From the Desk of Mayor Steve Morissette

Spring is here and with spring comes new hope and warm weather we can enjoy!

It also brings a lower-than-normal snowpack for our area and the resultant challenges of drought and wildfire. Fruitvale is working hard toward mitigating wildfire impacts and planning for any emergency.

Wildfire mitigation and preparedness is everyone’s responsibility, especially in a Village like Fruitvale where the surrounding properties are almost all privately owned. To help address that issue we were successful in receiving a Columbia Basin Trust grant to do wildfire mitigation on a forested 10-acre parcel of land that Fruitvale owns off Highway 3B to the west of downtown. A wildfire mitigation crew will be doing their treatment to that parcel as a demonstration on what needs to be done on your own property. When completed, it will be open to the public for checking out; we will keep you posted. Anyone in Fruitvale or Area A can also reach out to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for a free fire risk assessment of their home which will give you suggestions of what to do to reduce fire risk to your home.

Over the winter, our CAO and Public Works Foreman have been attending training for emergency and wildfire response as well as working hand-in-hand with our Regional District Fire & Emergency Management professionals to develop response plans for any emergency that may present itself. **We encourage all residents in Fruitvale, Montrose and RDKB Area A to sign up for the Voyent Alert to be notified in case of an emergency or evacuation notification in our area at <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/registration>.**

With the annual wildfire risk we must remind residents when summer heat arrives, use the water you need, but please, don’t waste water. We are fortunate to have adequate water supply in Fruitvale through our Regional Partners in Area A, but when we are in Stage 3 water restrictions and beyond, not following the restrictions puts us all at risk of not having ample water reserves to fight a potential fire.

With the RDKB owned water system, we are currently putting on the finishing touches of installing generators at our two wells so that in the summer when we are dependent on the wells, a power outage will not eliminate our water supply.

Fruitvale is working toward mitigating our fire risk and we encourage residents to do what they are able to with their property as well, there are resources at the Regional District that are free for the asking.

Have a great Spring!



LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Village of Fruitvale Meeting Dates

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

Village of Montrose Meeting Dates

<https://www.montrose.ca/municipality/calendar.html>

RDKB Meeting Dates

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



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YEARS

BEAVER VALLEY
ARENA

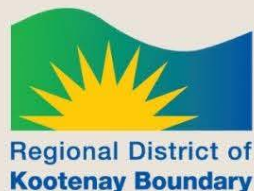
SATURDAY
25 MAY 2024
5 pm - 10 pm

**SAVE THE DATE & HELP US
CELEBRATE!**

We are currently planning a fantastic lineup of activities and entertainment which will pay tribute to the arena's rich history and vibrant community spirit.

In the meantime, **NOMINATE** a BV volunteer to receive a special limited edition gift at the event and **SHARE** your iconic photos of the arena's journey over the years.

Send nominations and scanned pictures to bvevents@rdkb.com.



Beaver Valley
Recreation

FireSmart

IT'S TIME TO GET FIRESMART!

The Home Ignition Zone shows how you can minimize your home's vulnerability to wildland fire by addressing threats in each of the three priority zones, starting with the IMMEDIATE ZONE and working your way outward.

To book your **FREE** RDKB FireSmart Home Assessment call: 250-368-0259, Email FireSmart@rdkb.com or fill in a request form online: <https://emergency.rdkb.com/Be-Prepared/FireSmart>



IN THE RDKB, WHERE WE ALL HAVE A BALL, FIRESMART'S THE CALL, FOR ONE AND ALL



So let's unite, ignite, in our RDKB mix, Cos' a FireSmart lifestyle will protect our kicks

The worst plan is no plan

Let that sink in, Prepare and protect, let the action begin.

Get a FREE RDKB FireSmart Home Assessment: Firesmart@rdkb.com 250.368.0259



Xeriscape your yard

Let's use common sense, Choose fire-resistant plants, the perfect defense.

Knock on your neighbour's door

Spread the word, Getting everyone involved, that's how it's heard.

It's a shared responsibility

Can't emphasize it enough, Being the FireSmart Hero, it's gonna be tough. But we got this, united we stand, Protecting our lands, hand in hand.

FireSmart, it's easy, let's break it down

Clean those gutters, no room for a frown. Keep wood away from your house, that's a must, Prevent the fire's touch, with actions robust.

Wildfire prevention starts with you!



FIRESMART BC BEGINS AT HOME GUIDE

It's time to get FireSmart about wildfires in BC. To help you to be prepared, FireSmart BC has produced a Homeowner's guide. To download your copy of the guide, visit:

<https://begins-at-home-guide.firesmartbc.ca/>



In an emergency situation, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary uses the Voyent Alert notification system to let residents in the regional district know what is going on near them.

Make sure you register for future emergency notifications, (or update your contact details) here: <https://vovent-alert.com>



Village of Montrose Update to Residents



VILLAGE OF MONTROSE SPRING PICKUP

Mark your calendar - Spring pickup date for leaves and branches is **Thursday, April 25.**

Leaves and branches only. Please have your branches bundled. **Any bags that were kept over the winter to decompose will not be picked up.**

MONTROSE RECREATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed! Do you have a bit of time and some energy to give? Please call the office at 250-367-7234.

2024 SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Village of Montrose is accepting resumes for a Summer Student position. The work will entail outside labour including, but not limited to, park maintenance, grass cutting, garbage pickup and painting. A minimum valid Class 7 driver's license is required.

To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a college or university student with declared intention of returning to school in the fall. The position is a CUPE Local 2087 position. The hourly wage is \$22.51.

Term of employment is approximately May 6 - August 16, 2024. Please submit your resume and cover letter to:

Village of Montrose
PO Box 510, MONTROSE, BC
or by email at cao@montrose.ca

Closing Date: April 26, 2024

2024 BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations Are Open



The Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year Committee is accepting nominations for the **2024 Citizen of the Year**. This person or group has made important contributions to the community in the Beaver Valley.

Pick up a nomination form from the Fruitvale or Montrose Village Office and include as much information about the person or group as possible. **Forms must be submitted no later than 4:30 pm on April 15 to either municipality.**

There are many people who have committed time to their community in many ways, some quietly and in the background, so look around, nominate someone who has dedicated a part of themselves to their community.

Please help us to see that this award continues by sending in your individual or group nomination for this year's "Citizen of the Year".

NON-WORKING STREETLIGHTS

If you notice a streetlight not working in your municipality, please report it to your respective Village Office:

For non-working streetlights in Fruitvale, report them to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca or 250.367.7551

For non-working streetlights in Montrose, report them to admin@montrose.ca or 250-367-7234

Be sure to include the location of the pole, the number on the pole and the problem with the light. Village staff will report the streetlight to FortisBC, who will repair as time permits.





Village of Fruitvale - Update to Residents



2024 WATER AND SEWER USER FEES

The 2024 water and sewer invoices are due April 6, 2024 to take advantage of the 5% discount. If you have not received your utility bill, please contact the Village Office by email, finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca or phone 250-367-7551.

When paying by E-transfer, please indicate in the memo section your roll/account/folio number listed on your invoice or your street address so that your payment can be applied to the correct account.

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE RESIDENTS ONLY - GARBAGE TAGS from 2023

There seems to be a number of Village of Fruitvale homeowners who have yet to pick up their first 13 garbage tags that we 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

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE SPRING CLEAN-UP DATES



Mark your calendars for Spring Clean-up in the Village of Fruitvale on **Friday, April 26 and Monday, April 29**

Only Organic Materials will be collected. Tree cuttings must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and must be piled at your usual garbage collection location.

All other organic material must be bagged in clear, transparent bags and placed at your usual garbage collection area early; collections will begin at 7:30 am.

Please Note: Recyclable and household materials, rocks, cardboard and filled bags that were kept over the winter to decompose will not be picked up.

TEMPORARY VEHICLE SHELTERS

Residents with temporary vehicle shelters in their front yard are reminded that these portable garages must be removed by Monday, April 15 as per Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 863.

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG THE AREA CREEKS

Residents living along the area creeks (Fruitvale Creek, Beaver Creek, Kelly Creek, etc.) are reminded to keep all grass clippings, tree clippings and other debris out of the creeks as these items plug the grizzlies (grates) and would become a flood hazard.



CATCH BASINS, STORM SEWERS & STREET SWEEPING

During the month of April, the Village of Fruitvale Public Works Department will be busy cleaning catch basins and storm sewers throughout the Village and the street sweeper will be cleaning the streets.

Please be patient during the street cleaning process – all streets will be done.

Property owners are reminded when raking winter sand from the boulevards do not rake it into piles on the street. This causes damage to the sweeper brooms.

Please be aware of the men and equipment on the roads and exercise caution at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

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.

No Open Burning





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your municipality is looking for volunteers. If you can spare some time, please contact your respective Village Office with your name and contact information:

Village of Montrose
250-367-7234 or
admin@montrose.ca

Village of Fruitvale
250-367-7551 or
info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Did you know?

The following bylaws have been adopted recently and are in effect in the Village of Fruitvale. These bylaws, along with other Village bylaws, can be found on our website at <https://fruitvale.ca/services/bylaw/>

Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 961, 2023 - amending Appendix 10 and 11 of Bylaw 939

Village of Fruitvale Indemnification Bylaw No. 963, 2023 - a bylaw for Indemnification of Municipal Officials

Village of Fruitvale Solid Waste & Yard and Garden Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 964, 2024

Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 966, 2024 - addition of Appendix 16 to Bylaw 939

Traffic and Parking Regulations Bylaw No. 967, 2024 - a bylaw to regulate traffic and parking

Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 968, 2024 - amending Appendix 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Bylaw 939

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PREPARATION (CVITP)

CVITP volunteers are available every Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00am at the Beaver Valley Manor from March 1 to April 18. **Last interview is April 18**; last day for pick-up April 25.

Volunteers from this program assist ELIGIBLE taxpayers who have low income and simple tax situations to prepare their income tax and benefit return. ELIGIBLE taxpayers may include low-income individuals and social assistance recipients, newcomers to Canada, seniors and students.

Eligibility for low-income is determined as follows: Single - up to \$40,000; Two persons in family - up to \$50,000, More than two persons - \$3,000 for each additional person.

Persons with investment/interest income in excess of \$1,000, capital gains/losses, partnership income, rental income, business or professional income, farming or fishing income, bankruptcy, or anyone with complex deductions may be deemed ineligible for this service. Also, they are unable to prepare final returns for deceased persons. Other limitations may apply.

If you have a cold, flu or other transmittable infection or disease, please wait to come until you have recovered for the protection of volunteers and other clients.

Be sure to bring all essential documents and receipts to the interview. You must also bring a piece of government photo ID. If possible, bring your copy of the previous year's tax return and/or the CRA Notice of Assessment for the previous year. You will be asked to complete a questionnaire that will be used to complete your taxes.

You must pick up your copy of the completed return the following week. Any returns not picked up within two weeks of completion will be shredded.

For more information contact Trail FAIR Society, 250-364-2326 or cvitp.trail@gmail.com



Trash to Treasure

This 1-day event is your chance to help reduce waste by giving away your used household items and claiming old treasures from your neighbours!

Saturday APRIL 20, 2024

How to Participate

- 1 Collect unwanted household items.
- 2 Place them by the curb where treasure hunters can access them without disrupting traffic.
- 3 Create a sign to let treasure hunters know that your items are up for grabs
- 4 Remove all your remaining items by 4:00 pm.

Download a sign for your lawn at rdkb.com



or print off the poster on the last page of the newsletter, or design your own poster.



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

SKI RED TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Last chance to ski Red Mountain before it closes on April 7. For youth tickets, contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator, at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com if you want one.

CLIMATE ACTION FORUM - SAVE THE DATE

Are you a BV youth aged 12-18 who is interested in Climate Action? We have the Climate Action Forum for you! Mark your calendar for **May 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm** in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers. Registration is a must, so let Tammy know you're coming at the above email. Light refreshments will be available.

BEAVER VALLEY BOWLING CLUB

Open Bowling dates and times:

April 5 & 26 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

April 7, 13, 14, 27 & 28 - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Laser lights and music on by request. Stay updated on the Beaver Valley Bowling Club Facebook page. For private and non-private party bookings, please email info@bvb Bowling Club.ca.



April 20 - 60th Anniversary Open House

- 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Come have a snack, socialize, look at old pictures and reminisce. One game per person free bowling from 3:00 pm onward.

60TH ANNIVERSARY
BEAVER VALLEY LANES

FREE BOWLING @3PM
CAKE, SNACKS, DRINKS, CONVERSATION

APRIL 20

CELEBRATING PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE BOWLERS

1:00PM-4:00PM

OPEN HOUSE W/ FOOD & BEVERAGES

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BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION NEWS

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

Seniors' Lunches, Babysitting Course, Stay Safe Home Alone, 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, Summer Parks Program and Beaver Valley Family Campground

Stay Safe Home Alone on April 13 at the Montrose Hall from 9:00am-1:30pm

Babysitting Course on April 20 at the Montrose Hall from 9:00am-4:30pm

To register for programs, please email Kelly at 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 or text/call 250-231-7260.



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



There are limited spots for craft bags for children ages 5-12. Email Gillian at 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 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.



**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 & Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wellness Wednesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
(activities and lunch for \$2)

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

Monthly Meeting - 4th Wed. of the month - 12:30 pm

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

Branch 44 Seniors are having a bottle drive for the month of April to raise money for our 65th Anniversary lunch in October. If you would like to donate your empties to our effort, please call Brenda at 250-367- 3839.

For the month of April, Liberty Foods will be donating all their returnables to us. **Huge thanks to Liberty Foods for supporting our anniversary event!**



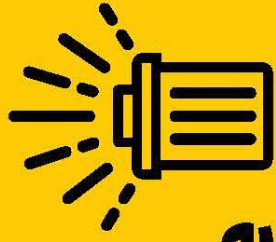
Beaver Valley
SENIORS' LUNCH
Tuesday, April 16
 FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL
 SERVED BUFFET
 DRAW PRIZES
 12:30PM

Ticket Cost: \$10.00

For individual or group bookings (6+) RSVP to Jayme Fowler by April 10:
 T: 250-231-7260 E: bvevents@rdkb.com

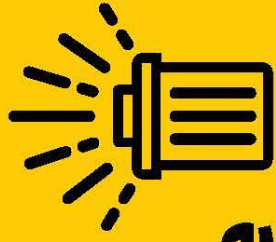



Free Stuff



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