BEAVER VALLEY BULLETIN







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HAPPY RETIREMENT TO THE FACE OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE

This month on May 2, we will see a big change in our Village Office as the face of our office, Karen Halifax, takes her well earned retirement.

Karen has been the first person in the Village Office to meet and offer her assistance to you for the past 37 years!

Karen has been the one constant in the office for twenty different Councils, four Mayors and six Chief Administrative Officers! In her "spare time" Karen also served on the executive of CUPE Local 2087 for decades.

We are hosting an open house to honour Karen's contributions and achievements at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall on Thursday, May 2 from Noon to 3:00 pm. Please drop in to thank her and wish her well.

Council and I wish Karen a long and very happy retirement, she will be missed.

Mayor Steve Morissette





It's Not Goodbye, It's See You Later...

After thirty-seven wonderful years working for the Village of Fruitvale, the time has come for me to hand in my keys.

I will truly miss seeing the many residents of Fruitvale that I've had the pleasure of helping and chatting with over the last 37 years.

To my work family, I will defintely miss you all! Through the years we've shared many laughs (and a few tears) together. I've enjoyed being one of the voices for you on the bargaining committee over the past 30 years. I have definitely been blessed with the best co-workers!

I have enjoyed working with the current and past Councils making posters and flyers for spirit events and other community events and most of all, this newsletter - I'm going to miss these fun projects. I truly love our community.

Thank you all for making the past 37 years so rewarding. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you over the years and learning all that I have at my job, but I am looking forward to my retirement - spending time with my family, some exciting travel opportunities, but most of all, I'm looking forward to never hearing the dreaded *beep, beep*, *beep* of the alarm clock!

Thanks for the memories - Karen



Forestry Conference

I had the honour of attending a conference with the Council of Forest Industries. A well attended event with people from industry and government, together, to create a platform for conversations on the current, and future state of Forestry in BC.

Discussions included policy and market conditions, reconciliation, wildfire resilience (such as reintroducing traditional fire-burns to reduce fuel loads), while exploring practices from other countries.

Presentations looked at finding ways to extract value from residuals which will require further commitment to innovation and sustainability. Likewise, discussing home construction strategies to address homelessness underscores the industry's potential to contribute to broader societal goals. The emphasis on creating a stable and secure fibre supply was a repeat message as this is crucial for attracting investment and ensuring the industry's long-term viability.

One in twenty-eight jobs, or about 100,000 jobs in BC are with Forestry: 8% in the Northeast, 10% here in the Kootenays, 22% in the Cariboo, 25% based in the Lower Mainland, with over 4800 Indigenous people directly employed. This translates to \$9.1 billion in wages, salaries and benefits, with \$6.6 billion in government revenue to support healthcare, education, roads and much more. Forestry is a foundational industry here in BC which ranks second in BC as a leading export.

It was encouraging to see First Nation leaders forging new agreements with industry, highlighting the power of collaboration and shared vision in driving economic development. As one Elder said: "We can keep focusing on the fight, or we can focus on working together". There was general agreement that changes are needed with land base management. Many agreed that too many policy changes have been made too quickly, while at the same time there was acknowledgement about what the province is trying to achieve with improved and shared decision making.

This gathering was about the transition WITHIN the industry to re-shape past practices and beliefs. One final thought was shared: By highlighting the industry's strengths and vision for the future, stakeholders can foster greater understanding and support. Ultimately, it's about building bridges and shaping a sustainable future for forestry in British Columbia. As our Minister for Sustainable Forestry Innovation stated: "We have the best products in the world – so go tell them!"

*The BC Council of Forest Industries represents the majority of lumber, pulp & paper and manufactured wood producers across the province.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AT BEAVER VALLEY ARENA

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) is thrilled to announce the 50th anniversary celebration of the Beaver Valley (BV) Arena, a beloved community landmark that has been the heart of countless memories and milestones since its inception in 1974.



As the BV Arena gears up to mark this momentous occasion on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, residents and supporters are invited to join in the festivities. Save the date and get ready to reminisce on five decades of community camaraderie, growth, and fun.

Mark Daines, RDKB's Manager of Facilities and Recreation, reflects on the significance of this milestone: "The 50th anniversary of the Beaver Valley Arena is a testament to the enduring spirit of our community. For half a century, the arena has been more than just a building; it has been a gathering place, a source of pride, and a catalyst for countless friendships and memories. As we celebrate this milestone, we also look ahead with excitement to the next chapter of the arena's legacy, knowing that it will continue to be a vital hub of community life for years to come."

In the lead-up to the main event, BV staff are calling on locals to contribute to the celebration. Nominate a BV volunteer to receive a special limited edition gift and share your photos of the arena's journey over the years. From construction phases to iconic events such as hockey games, figure skating competitions, and community festivals, every snapshot tells a story. Please email your volunteer nominations as well as scanned photos to byevents@rdkb.com, as soon as possible. Alternatively, older originals can to be copied and returned.

Underscoring the pivotal role of volunteers in the arena's success, Mark Daines adds: "Volunteers are the backbone of the Beaver Valley Arena, providing essential support that ensures its smooth operation year after year. Their dedication and hard work are the foundation of our community's spirit, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. As a token of appreciation, the BV Arena team has commissioned special anniversary jerseys for 50 of our volunteers to wear with pride, recognizing their vital contribution to our community."

The 50th anniversary celebration is sponsored by Teck, Columbia Power, Columbia Basin Trust, RDKB, City of Trail and Hall Printing. It promises to be a memorable occasion for all who attend, with a lineup of activities and entertainment that pay tribute to the arena's rich history and vibrant community spirit. Admission to the event will be free and once the doors open at 5pm, the first 150 people through them will receive an original BV Minor Hockey Jersey and button. Draw prizes will include an original retro BV Minor Hockey Hat. Visitors will also be able to check out the new electric Zamboni, historical information and the Beaver Valley Recreation Master Plan, on display.

Currently, the 'Let's Celebrate' itinerary is as follows:

5:00pm: Doors Open, Food by Kim's Creations & Drinks by Vintage Pour - on sale from the start.

5:00 - 6:00pm: Welcome (Radio Host Wayne Kelly/Area A Director Ali Grieve)

6:00pm: Family Game Show by Altitude Entertainment

7:30 - 8:00pm: Volunteer Appreciation Presentation (Radio Host Wayne Kelly)

8:00 - 10:00: DJ Dance by Throwdown Productions

To celebrate 50 years of memories, milestones, and community spirit at the Beaver Valley Arena, follow RDKB and Beaver Valley Recreation on Facebook and Instagram, and use hashtag #bvarena50th to share pictures and memories. Updates will be regularly posted on RDKB's Join the Conversation page: https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/beaver-valley-arena-50th-anniversary



LtoR - Mayor Steve Morissette, RDKB Area A Director Ali Grieve, and Mayor Mike Walsh sporting the volunteer jerseys.

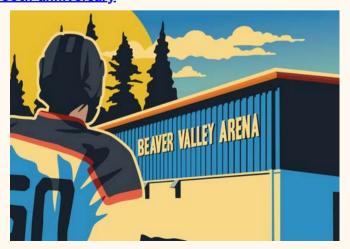


Image by Lisa Nicole of Kootenay Canvas



LET'S GET FIRESMART & PROTECT WHAT WE LOVE

FireSmart Homes are the ones left standing

But your neighbours need to be FireSmart too!

#1

Xeriscape your yard: Choose fire-resistant plants that are less likely to ignite and spread fire.

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



#2

Clean your roof and gutters: Remove anything that can act as fuel for embers.

#3

Keep vegetation wellmaintained: Regularly trim trees, shrubs, and grass to reduce fire fuel.

#4

Get prepared! Clear dead leaves, branches, and debris from your yard.



emergency.rdkb.com

Have an Evacuation Plan

Prepare and practice a plan for quickly leaving your property if a wildfire approaches.

Shared Responsibility

We're all in the game of wildfire prevention. Spread the word. Lets create a future where wildfires are less of a threat.

IT'S TIME TO GET FIRESMART!

The Home Ignition Zone shows how you can your minimize 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.

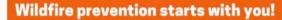
To book your **FREE** RDKB FireSmart Home Assessment call: 250-368-

0259, Email

FireSmart@rdkb.com or fill in a request form online:

https://emergency.rdkb.c om/Be-

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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://voyent-alert.com

OFFICE CLOSURES

The offices of the Village of Fruitvale, the Village of Montrose and the RDKB will be closed on Monday, May 20 for the Victoria Day statutory holiday.

Village of Montrose Update to Residents

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND WILDLIFE ATTRACTANT BYLAW

Please note as per Waste Management and Wildlife Attractant Bylaw #780: All Village garbage bags placed on the curb for Village pick-up on garbage day, must be placed securely in a waste container/garbage can (not the RDKB Green Bin). If your Village garbage bag is placed in the RDKB Green Bin, your garbage will not be picked up by the Village.

VILLAGE OF MONTROSE YARD AND GARDEN WASTE

Just a reminder to residents that dumping of yard and garden waste is not permitted within the Village. The next yard and garden waste collection will take place in the fall on November 7.

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.

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**



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.





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

TEMPORARY VEHICLE SHELTERS

Residents with temporary vehicle shelters in their front yard are reminded that these portable garages must be removed ASAP. As per Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 863, the date for removing these temporary vehicle shelters was April 15.

USING E-TRANSFER TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

When paying by E-transfer, it is **imperative** that you indicate in the memo section what you are paying, the invoice number, 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.

2024 VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 property tax notices will be mailed to home owners in late May and are due Tuesday July 2, 2024 to avoid a 10% penalty. (The Village Office will be closed Monday, July 1). 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 2, 2024**. 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 2, 2024** to avoid a 10% penalty on your unapplied for home owner grant.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PHASE 1 SEWER PROJECT ON LAURIER/BEAVER/MAIN STREETS COMPLETION

The Phase 1 sewer project that started last fall is scheduled to complete, including paving, by the end of May. Please be aware of the men and equipment working on the roads and exercise caution at all times. Thank you to the residents in these areas for your cooperation and understanding during this project.

STREET SWEEPING

The street sweeper is back from the mechanic's shop and will pick up where it left off sweeping the streets. Thank you for your patience.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



The Friends of the Beaver Valley Library are holding a gigantic book sale on Mother's Day Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 11 & 12 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at Nipkows Greenhouse.

We have lots of fantastic books so come and get your plants and reading material for the summer.

2024 BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the **Fruitvale Thrift Store Volunteers**, **Past & Present** as this year's recipients of the 2024 Citizen of the Year.

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 24 at 7:00 pm**.







Kick-Off Beaver Valley May Days



MAY 24, 25 & 26
FRUITVALE MEMORIAL PARK
(Formally Haines Park)





SENIORS' TEA

The Friends of the Beaver Valley Library invites all BV Seniors to the **Free Seniors Tea** at the Beaver Valley Manor on **Friday, May 24** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.





Volunteers have been busy organizing events and doing their sunshine dance for good weather for this year's BV May Days!

The typical events and some new ones will be happening starting Friday, May 24 going through until Sunday May 26, so plan to join us for fun, fireworks, parade, games, events, vendors and delicious food!

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

Watch for more event information in the coming weeks.







Saturday May 25, 2024

Enjoy a scenic 45 minute train ride throught the spring landscapre of the Beaver Valley.

Tickets for the Spring Spirit Express will be available on **Saturday May 18 at 12:00 Noon** at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 1947 Beaver Street, in exchange for a cash donation. All donations go to the Beaver Valley Food Bank. **Maximum of 6 tickets per family.**

Departure Times from Pole Yard Station

<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
9:00 am	12:00 Noon
10:00 am	1:00 pm
11:00 am	2:00 pm
	3:00 pm





INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY - MAY 12

Held on the birthday of Florence Nightingale to mark the contributions that nurses make to society. It is a day to recognise the important role of nurses around the world. Thank a nurse today!



BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK

Programs for Beaver Valley Youth ages 12-18

BV May Days Kid Zone Committee is looking for some Grade 7 youth volunteers to help

at various fun stations at the Kid Zone event. The youth volunteers will help assist the kids at each station, showing them how to use the carnival games, obstacle course, help with crafts and button making.

Time slots will be scheduled for the volunteers.

If you can donate some time to make this event fun and successful, please contact April Arnot at 250-231-5919 or ajhaws@hotmail.com.

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.





BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION NEWS

Please visit **Beaver Valley Recreation** for information on the following programs and events:

Senior's Lunches, Evening Gentle Yoga with Jodi, Morning Gentle Yoga with Wendy, Chair Yoga with Abby, Restorative Deep Stretch with Abby, 7-Day Spring Cleanse Workshop, ACT Fitness, Body Weight/Bands/Balls, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Timbits Softball, Kids Soccer, Summer Parks Program, Marsh Creek Disc Golf Course and Beaver Valley Family Park Campground.

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

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**





May 4, 2024

10AM

Piazza Colombo Park 584 Rossland Ave



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Gather a team or join us on your own, raise a minimum of \$50 to participate, and get a chance to win

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May 18th 2024

11am - 4pm

Victoria View Room - Trail Memorial Centre - 1051 Victoria St, Trail



Learn how to make your home more comfortable for less

Kick the tires on the future of driving





See how electric bikes will change the way you get around









Beaver Valley Water Service OUTDOOR ONSERVATION



For more information scan this code.

Contact us to book your FREE sprinkler system assessment: 250 231-5384

WATER ACTIVITY

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

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

STAGE 1 Normal

EVEN numbered addresses

Thu Tue Sat

ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Sun

No watering allowed on Mondays



Micro Irrigation or Drip Irrigation System

Allowed

Watering with handheld container or hose with shut-off nozzle

Allowed

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

Allowed with shut-off nozzle

Cleaning surfaces, sidewalks, driveways

Allowed with shut-off nozzle



Filling fountains, hot tubs, pools

Allowed



Watering sod, new grass, plantings

Allowed with authorization from RDKB Environmental Services



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





TRUNK & TAILGATE SALE



2024 Trunk and Tailgate Sale Dates

Sunday - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

May 5 * June 2 * July 7 * August 11 * September 8 * October 6

Join us for the next yard-type sale to hit Fruitvale!

Convert your good-quality unwanted treasures to CASH from the trunk of your car or the back of your truck!

Anything goes - as long as it's legal

Open to private sellers and buyers (no commercial vendors)

Cost

\$10 per vehicle for sellers Buyers enter free

Location

Pole Yard Lane

FRUITVALE

No reservations needed,

For more information on these events, contact Anne at annesaigeon@gmail.com

Proceeds from the entry fee are donated to the Village of Fruitvale.







CommuniTea

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

Wednesday May 8th 2024 Fruitvale Elementary School Gym 3 seatings available: 1:15 – 2:15pm, 2:30 – 3:30 pm or 3:45 – 4:45 pm

Tickets are available for \$7 (adult) and \$3 (children 5 & up), children under 5 do not need a ticket, and include your choice of coffee or tea and a small plate of baked goods. Please note, only 90 seats are available per seating, and tickets are first come first serve.

Deadline to buy tickets: May 1st. Some tickets may still be available upon arrival.

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.



DON'T miss it!

Mark your calendars for the 2024 IncrEDIBLE Farmers Market Fruitvale

