

# BEAVER VALLEY BULLETIN



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## MAYOR MORISSETTE

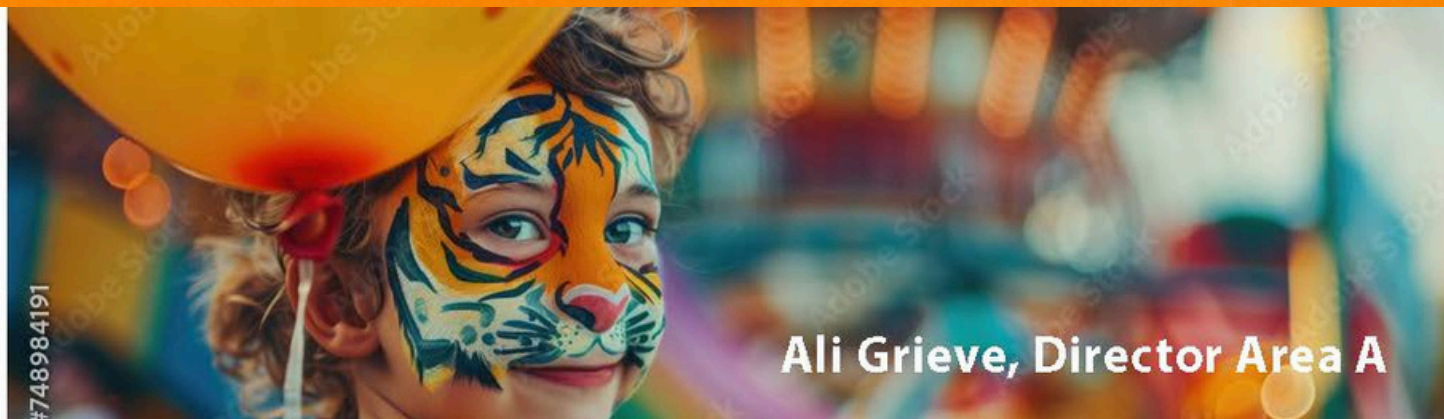
A huge shout out to our Maydays volunteers for a fantastic May Days Celebration! Check Area A Director Ali Grieve's newsletter submission regarding Maydays, I fully support her thoughts on Maydays.

As we head into summer check the RDKB website for emergency preparedness information, it is very important to be prepared ahead of time for any potential emergency.

Watch the Fruitvale and/or RDKB website for water restrictions as this year the BV water service will continue education around being water smart but this year will add penalties for residents of Fruitvale and Area A not following restrictions. Restrictions are critical to keep an ample supply of water in reserve in case of fire. Keeping our driveways clean and lawns green are the lowest priority.

Have an enjoyable, safe summer!

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**Ali Grieve, Director Area A**

## Happy Summer

As yet another successful May days wraps up, I would like to share some of my reflections.

Just a couple of years ago, our beloved May Days were at risk of being canceled due to a lack of volunteers. Fortunately, a new group with fresh ideas, renewed enthusiasm, and a passion for our beautiful Beaver Valley community stepped up to keep our May celebrations alive. The refresh was beneficial, as change is a fact of life. Change will never be stopped, nor should it be. I am incredibly grateful to this new group for their past and current efforts on our behalf. For those who have other ideas to share, I am sure the committee would welcome your future participation on their team.

The changes to Friday's May Days lineup have generated many comments, and here are mine: As our climate continues to change and our snowpack decreases, so do our water tables, necessitating vigilance for increased and lasting drought conditions. These documented facts put pressure on our local Fire Chiefs throughout the Kootenays when granting fireworks permits. Permission was reluctantly granted last year, but with a significantly reduced snowpack, it was not this year. This is a logical and responsible decision that I support for multiple reasons.

Regarding sponsor recognition in the Drone Show, not one sponsor asked for or expected it. However, it is essential to know who sponsors these events for us. The recognition piece has always been shared all over social media, as it should be. THANK YOU TO THESE ONGOING AND REPEAT SPONSORS, for without them, May Days would undoubtedly look much different.

As for the Fire Staff, who are always visible and much appreciated in our community, I recall attending the Volunteer Appreciation Night, where they were recognized for the variety of duties they assume for us: from the Easter Egg Hunt to leading our parades and past fireworks, to various fundraising activities, to attending the far too many life-saving and life-assist activities. Our Fire Staff is very present and very much appreciated. THANK YOU TO OUR FIRE STAFF, always, for the many ongoing contributions to our Valley and beyond.

Most of us feel very blessed and grateful for where we have chosen to live. We are safe and well cared for. Our community is happy, healthy, and vibrant! This past weekend was a full demonstration of this positive energy. Gotta love our Valley!



# BEAVER VALLEY



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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL  
1968 Main Street, Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L1  
September until May  
6:00 p.m.  
Doors Open at 3:00 pm



#### The Beaver Valley Lions helps a variety of Communities with Donations in all shapes and Sizes!!

United Way - Beaver Valley Food Bank - Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital - BC Cancer Agency - Special Olympics - Hospice Society - Columbia View Lodge - Royal Canadian Legion - Trail & District RCMP Victims Services - BC Senior Games - Brain Injury Society BC - M.S. Society of BC - Sinful Kings Riding Club jackets for kids - BC Lions Hearing Co-Operation - BC Lions Society for Disabled Children camp Winfield - BV May Days - Beaver Valley Outreach Meal Program - Lions Youth Exchange - Diverse Family Roots Society

## 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 [annesageon@gmail.com](mailto:annesageon@gmail.com)  
Proceeds from the entry fee are donated to the Village of Fruitvale.



## SENIORS' PICNIC



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

**\$10  
ENTRY**

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 18, 2024**

**12:00 — 2:00 PM**

**LIVE MUSIC - THE GOLDEN CITY  
FIDDLERS &  
SERVED PICNIC LUNCH**



**LAWN CHAIRS OPTIONAL**



United Way  
British Columbia

Working with communities in  
BC's North, Interior, Lower Mainland,  
Central & Northern Vancouver Island

### RSVP:

**INDIVIDUAL &  
GROUP BOOKINGS**

JAYME FOWLER  
250-231-7260 OR  
[BVEVENTS@RDKB.COM](mailto:BVEVENTS@RDKB.COM)  
BY JUNE 11TH



Beaver Valley  
Recreation



Warm weather is here! This summer, RDKB's WaterSmart Ambassador, Brook Broadhurst, will be in the Fruitvale community helping residents reduce their outdoor water use. Over the summer Brook will be available to answer water conservation related questions, authorize watering for new sod, grass seed or other activities requiring more water use, and preform sprinkler system assessments. The Ambassador will also be present at Fruitvale's IncrEDIBLE Farmers Market from now until.

The best way to reduce your water use this summer is by booking a free sprinkler system assessment with Brook. A large portion of outdoor water use during summer is contributed to sprinkler use, mostly to water our lawns.

**When you sign up for a free Sprinkler System Assessment before July 31st, you will be entered into our draw to win a Rain Bird Micro Drip Irrigation Kit and Rain Bird Digital Programmable Hose Timer, a \$200 value!**

Sprinkler system assessments will help you to examine your sprinkler system and property for:

**- Grass and soil type - Leaky and broken parts - Sun exposure - Sprinkler distribution**

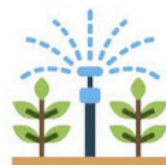
Using this information, the Ambassador can determine how much water your lawn needs and present you with a fully customized watering schedule that will help to improve your lawns health and reduce your water usage. This sprinkler system assessment can be done for both manual and automatic sprinkler systems. Please contact [watersmart@rdkb.com](mailto:watersmart@rdkb.com) or **(250)-231-5384** to book your free assessment today.

WaterSmart can also be contacted for the authorization of watering new sod/grass or for any other WaterSmart and related landscaping enquires. For more information and for watering saving tips please visit our website [jointheconversation.rdkb.com/rdkb-watersmart](http://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/rdkb-watersmart).



## 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](mailto:watersmart@rdkb.com)





## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

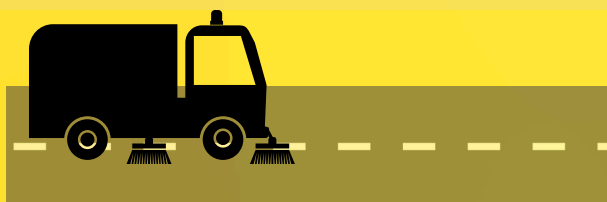
## A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### 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.





## Beaver Valley Arena 50th Anniversary

Celebrating 50 Years of Community Spirit: A Look Back at Beaver Valley Arena's Milestone Event Aft...

 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary



Julia Macasso, Marguerite Helberg, Caitlin Speer,  
Gracie Bobbitt & Nicole Smith...welcome you to

## **THE BV SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM!**

*Games, crafts, sports & special events!*

**July 2 – August 9** (omit August 5)

**10 am – 3 pm**

**Ages 6 – 11**(must turn six by Dec. 31, 2024)

Mondays & Wednesdays at Haines Field in Fruitvale

Tuesdays & Thursdays at Montrose Water Park

**FREE** drop in for BV residents only (Area A, Fruitvale,  
Montrose), no need to pre-register for Mon-Thurs

Friday bus fieldtrips (must pre-register & pay fee with the  
instructors at the park)

First day at camp, please bring your Driver's License to  
show proof of BV residence and your child carecard #

Send a backpack with water, lunch, hat, sunscreen,  
change of clothes, bathing suit & towel

Contact: Kelly Walker 250-231-5172 or [kwalker@rdkb.com](mailto:kwalker@rdkb.com)





# 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.

## #2

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

## #3

Keep vegetation well-maintained: Regularly trim trees, shrubs, and grass to reduce fire fuel.

## #4

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



**Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary**

[emergency.rdkb.com](https://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. Let's create a future where wildfires are less of a threat.

**Get a FREE RDKB FireSmart Home  
Assessment: [Firesmart@rdkb.com](mailto:Firesmart@rdkb.com)  
250.368.0259**



**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
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**Wildfire prevention starts with you!**

