

# BEAVER VALLEY BULLETIN

October 2024

## FRUITVALE CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by the Friends of the  
BV Public Library

Dates:

Sat Nov. 9th 10:00am – 7:00pm

Sat Nov 10th 10:00am – 4:00pm

\$3:00 admission

Wide variety of crafts available:  
knitting, quilting, woodwork,  
gems, sewing, paper crafts,  
candles, Christmas decorations,  
coffee, baked goods and more!  
A great place to do some  
Christmas shopping.

Hope to see you there!



## Upcoming Events

### CRIB AND WHIST

Card nights at the Montrose Hall

Welcome all new players

Fee \$2.00 and there are cash prizes and a  
refreshment break.

Time 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Every Tuesday

Oct. 8th, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 5th, Nov. 19th,  
Dec. 3rd, Dec. 17th.

2025



Jan. 7th, Jan 21st, Feb. 4th, Feb. 18th,  
Mar. 4th, Mar. 18th, April 1st, April 15th,  
April 29th, May 13, May 27th.



Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary





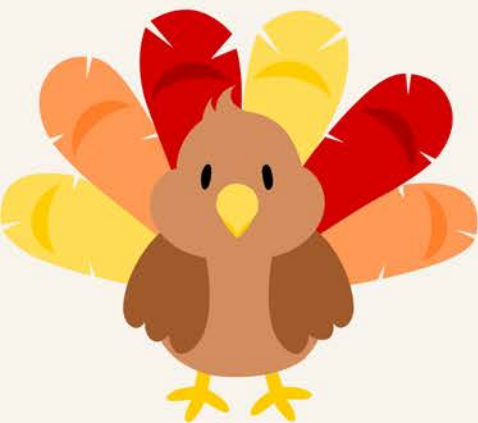


# Mayor's Morissette

Mayor's October 2024 Newsletter Submission

October 2024

Happy Autumn! I'd like to take this opportunity to update everyone on my status as Mayor. I'm sure most of you have heard I am running for MLA in our riding of Kootenay-Monashee, it was a very difficult decision for me as I enjoy my current responsibilities doing what I can for my home Fruitvale. I am excited though for the opportunity to potentially step into a more regional role to have larger positive impact on the Region and our Province. If I am successful in this election on October 19th I will be resigning sometime following the 19th on a timeline that best suits the Village of Fruitvale (there are guidelines etc around when a by-election must be called). When the by-election for Mayor is called anyone can be nominated, if a current Councillor runs for Mayor they must resign their Council seat which would mean a by-election would also be called for a Council seat. If someone from Council runs for Mayor it is a great opportunity to get a short term (next Municipal election will be October 2026) sample of what the job entails. Have a great October and make sure you exercise your democratic right and get out and vote, you can vote anytime up to October 19th at the Elections BC office in Castlegar near the Blue Barn Pet Store, register for mail in voting, watch for the early polls, or vote on the 19th at the Montrose and Fruitvale Halls.







## Ali Grieve, Director Area A

### Union BC Municipalities Conference (UBCM)

I had the privilege of attending the UBCM Conference in Vancouver recently. Such a great opportunity to chat with regionally and provincially elected, and ministry staff representatives. Our Board was able to secure several meetings with many ministries over the week. These were our issues and “asks”;

#### BC Parks Meeting

Provincial Parks serve a vital recreational, cultural, social and economic role in the lives of many British Columbians. Yet, the Province closes many of its parks to campers and boaters in September each year, limiting the ability of British Columbians to equally access our parks at a time of year when they continue to be functionally usable. **Request:** *That the Province of BC be directed to keep our Provincial parks, including campgrounds, open until the end of October to enable the access to parks for all visitors to enjoy these recreational benefits for a longer period and to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.*

#### Mental Health & Addictions:

Social issues in the province such as the opioid crisis, mental health issues, the lack of affordable housing, and a shortage of family physicians has led to increasing pressures on fire departments to respond to first response calls. Communities need more support and resources to deal with the impacts of the opioid crisis and mental health issues. **Request:** *That the Province allocate resources to improve access to mental health supports, harm reduction sites, detox and treatment facilities, family doctors, walk-in clinics, community health centres and affordable housing.*

#### Transportation & Infrastructure:

The RDKB has been advocating for the improvement to the low-level Waneta crossing for several years. The replacement of the Waneta Bridge would enable the transport of goods to/from the US, which is critical to the economic sustainability and growth of the Lower Columbia region. In 2008, the Ministry of Transportation invested in upgrades to the bridge with the intent to keep the bridge in operation until about 2033, which is really not far off! **Request:** At some time in the near future, there will be an opportunity to provide an improved transportation connection with the renewal/improvements to the Waneta Bridge. The Waneta Bridge will soon exceed its life for all vehicle traffic and at this time we would have the opportunity to design for improved transportation and commercial vehicle use. Recognising that the planning and implementation of new bridge infrastructure takes many years in process, we are hoping to engage with the Province early in planning for the future transportation and highway infrastructure for our Lower Columbia Region.

#### Fisheries and Aquaculture:

The Kootenay region is home to almost 100 invasive species: mollusc; 15 species of fish; 78 terrestrial plants including Milfoil; 4 aquatic plants; and amphibians. These critters pose serious threats, including damage to infrastructure (Zebra/Quagga mussels), ecosystem health and sustainability, biodiversity decline, tourism and the economy. Invasive species have played a role in the 60% of plants and animal extinctions globally. For example, Whirling disease has found its way into BC through Yoho National Park. Zebra and Quagga mussels pose a significant economic threat to BC – the Province estimates this value at \$64 to \$129 million. Eurasian Milfoil, which proliferates in Christina Lake, reduces the diversity of native plants. It also makes swimming dangerous and restricts both boating and fishing. Additionally, Milfoil can clog water intakes and foul beaches. Given the dependence of this community on tourism, Milfoil poses significant risks to Christina Lake. The responsibility on non-profits such as Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society that have limited funding is too great to battle these species. The RDKB has contracted with Boundary Invasive Species Society to deliver its invasive plants service but again, the problem of these invaders is growing. **REQUEST:** That the Province allocate sustained and adequate funding for education regarding invasive species & management of same.



## Transportation & Infrastructure:

Increasingly, abandoned and derelict vehicles are appearing on the sides of public roadways and on Crown land. In addition to being eyesores, these vehicles pose a risk to the environment by potentially leaking oils and other fluids. They may also be targets for arson, which poses a huge wildfire threat. The Province has enacted legislation to deal with such vehicles: section 7 (Abandoned vehicles) of the Highway Scenic Improvement Act. **REQUEST:** *That the Ministries work with the RCMP as per the Abandoned Vehicle Process as per section 8 of the Highways Improvement Act to expedite the removal of abandoned vehicles.*

## Time.....Don't Waste It!

The Rolling Stones famously sang, "Time is on our side," but let's face it—they were wrong. Time is fleeting and precious. However, with thoughtful planning, you can make sure there's always enough time for what truly matters. This is a lesson my parents imparted to me and my three siblings through their example. So, how are you spending your time? We're fortunate to live in a vibrant community that offers a wealth of experiences throughout the year. From the beauty of our four distinct seasons to the unique activities they bring, there's always something to enjoy. Summer seemed to fly by in the blink of an eye. Did you make the most of it? Perhaps you basked in the sun with a layer of SPF 50, enjoyed a refreshing summer breeze, or savored a picnic in the sunshine. Maybe you cooled off with a splash in the lake, spent a lazy afternoon by the pool, or took a leisurely sail before grilling with friends. As we transition into fall, let's reflect on how we've used our time and look forward to embracing the new season with all its opportunities. Live.

## 2024 OUTSTANDING WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES



Reminder to users:

All outstanding water and sewer utilities are due no later than October 31st, 2024, to avoid a 10% penalty. Any amount still outstanding on January 1st, 2025, will be transferred to property taxes and daily interest will be accrued.

Payment can be made with cheque, debit, online banking or by EFT to [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) (no password needed) but please put the roll # and address of the account you are paying for in the 'Messages' box.

If you have any questions regarding 2024 utilities, please contact

Misti at the Village Office,

250- 367-7551 or email [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)



## WINTER PREPARATIONS – BOULEVARDS AND PARKING

It's time for residents to prepare for the upcoming snow removal season, which means all items **must** be removed from boulevards, including but not restricted to:

**\*recreational vehicles \*solar lights \*basketball hoops**

**\*construction material \*flower planters/landscaping**

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.



## Temporary Vehicle Shelters

Are permitted from October 15, 2024 through April 15, 2025

### NEW FOR WINTER 2024

**Redwood Drive: NO parking will be permitted  
on Redwood Drive  
from November 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025**





**CHANGES! CHANGES! CHANGES!**

**FALL CLEAN UP  
UPDATES 2024**



**The McKelvey Creek Trail  
Landfill will no longer accept  
Clear plastic bags!!!**

All yard waste must now be in brown  
compostable paper bags or in bins not  
exceeding 50lbs.

Sticks, branches, or brush can only be  
bundled using cotton or fiber-based  
string. **Nylon or plastic based string  
and rope is no longer accepted.**

Please have materials curbside

**October 25, 2024.**

Pickups will  
**October 25th & 28th.**

**- YARD & GARDEN WASTE PAPER BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MOST  
HARDWARE STORES IN OUR AREA -**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE 250-367-7551**





# BEAVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

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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 Coacervation - BC Lions Society for Disables Children Camp Winfield - BV May Days - Beaver Valley Outreach Meal Program - Lions Youth Exchange - Diverse Family Roots Society



Murphy Family's \$1M Gift Scores Big for Cominco Arena & Community

The Murphy Family Foundation, led by Smoke Eaters owner Rich Murphy, has donated \$1 million USD to the City of Trail for upgrades to the Cominco Arena.

“We’re so grateful for the ongoing, incredible support from the Murphy family. Our whole community continues to benefit from their generosity,” said RDKB Area A Director Ali Grieve. The upgrades include shock-absorbing acrylic boards for player safety, extra acrylic glass for backups, a new sound system, and improvements to the cooling flooring and ice surface quality.





# Beaver Valley

## SENIORS' LUNCH

### Tuesday, October 22



THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENIOR BRANCH 44 WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THIS EVENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL BV SENIORS

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL  
SERVED BUFFET & EXTRA DRAW PRIZES & TREATS

12:30PM

Ticket Cost: \$10.00



For individual or group bookings (6+)  
RSVP to Jayme Fowler by Tuesday, October 15:  
T: 250-231-7260 E: bvevents@rdkb.com



#### 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 pm – 3:00 pm

Wellness Wednesdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

(activities and lunch \$2)

Cards – Thursdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

For membership and activities information please call Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685

Carpet Bowling is starting up - Open house Oct 8th 10:00 am

Regular league starts Oct 15th 10:00 am

To Register call Judy 250-367-9035 or Shirley 250-367-6637

Oct 22nd at the seniors luncheon the BV Seniors Citizens Branch #44 will also be celebrating their 65th anniversary ! Bravo!



# GLOW SKATE COSTUME CONTEST



October 25th, 8-10pm

Beaver Valley Arena  
1777 Green Rd, Fruitvale

\*Prizes\*  
\*Food\*  
\*Skating\*



Questions?

Email us at [beavervalleyyan@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleyyan@gmail.com)



# HALLOWEEN BONFIRE!

Come by after  
trick or treating to  
Stay Warm!

Hosted by the  
Fruitvale Fire Fighters!



Questions?

beavervalleyyan@gmail.com





# BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Oct 7 Games Night 5pm-6:30pm**  
**We'll have lots of fun board games at the Library.**

**Mother Goose with CBAL Tuesdays 11:45-12:30**

**Afterschool Drop-in Wednesdays 2:30-4 Come for fun activities!**

**Oct 21 Halloween themed Teen Movie Night 5pm - 6:30**

**Oct 28 Family Movie Night 5pm-6:30pm**



Join Jenn and Caroline for songs and rhymes!

Beaver Valley Public Library  
1847 First Street,  
Fruitvale

## Mother Goose Song & Rhyme Time!

Sing songs, learn rhymes, and listen to stories with your little ones!  
For families with children birth – 5 years old.

**Mondays, September 24 – November 12**  
**11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**\* Registration required**

To register or learn more contact:

**Jodie Campbell**  
Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator

-  [trailcoordinator@cbal.org](mailto:trailcoordinator@cbal.org)
-  or text 250-921-6525
-  [cbal.org](http://cbal.org)







Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary

# Beaver Valley Recreation

Follow us on Facebook under Beaver Valley Recreation  
[www.rdkb.com](http://www.rdkb.com) Click on Recreation & Culture, Beaver Valley

## SENIOR'S LUNCHES

Tuesdays at 12:30 pm  
Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17  
Fruitvale Hall  
\$10 admission at the door  
Please rsvp to Jayme at 231-7260  
[bvevents@rdkb.com](mailto:bvevents@rdkb.com)

## STAY SAFE Ages 9+

Instructor: Nicole Morrison  
This Canadian Red Cross Course teaches applicable and age appropriate skills to improve your child's own safety. Bring a lunch.  
September 14, 2024  
9 am – 1:30 pm  
\$40  
Montrose Lower Hall  
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

## BABYSITTING COURSE

Instructor: Nicole Morrison  
Ages 11+  
This Canadian Red Cross Course provides knowledge for feeding, bedtime, first aid, creating a safe environment and how to handle emergencies. Bring a lunch.  
October 5, 2024  
9 am – 4:30 pm  
\$65  
Montrose Lower Hall  
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

## PERSONAL TRAINER

April Arnot is a personal trainer, 12 years certified. Please contact her directly at 250-231-5919 for information on one on one, pairs or small group trainings.

## PM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Jodi Ihas  
Thursdays, starting September 5  
(omit Oct 31, Nov 7 & 21)  
7 - 8:15 pm  
\$75 - 6x, \$120 – 12x, \$14 drop in  
(Pass can be used at all Yoga classes and BWB&B)  
Fruitvale Hall  
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Jodi at class

## A.C.T. FITNESS CLASS

Instructor: Violet Richtsfeld  
Aerobic + Chair + Tone. Bring a set of 1 or 2 lbs hand held weights.  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Starting September 3, 2024  
(omit Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 19) Make up classes on Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20)  
9:30 - 10:30 am  
Montrose Hall  
\$110 - 10 punch pass, \$13 drop in  
Call Violet at 367-6448 for more info.

## BODY WEIGHT, BANDS & BALLS

Instructor: Wendy Robertsen  
Fitness bands and 2-5 lb weights are required. For all fitness levels.  
Mondays & Thursdays  
Starting September 9, 2024  
(omit Oct 14 & 31, Nov 7, 11, 21)  
Noon – 1 pm at Fruitvale Hall  
\$75 - 6x, \$120 – 12x, \$14 drop in  
(Pass can be used at all Yoga classes)  
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Wendy at class

## AM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Wendy Robertsen  
Wednesdays  
Starting September 11, 2024  
9 – 10:15 am  
\$75 - 6x, \$120 – 12x, \$14 drop in  
(Pass can be used at all Yoga classes and BWB&B)  
Montrose Hall  
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Wendy at class

## ZUMBA ages 12+

Instructor: April Arnot  
Mondays & Thursdays  
Starting September 5, 2024  
(omit Sept 9 & 30, Oct 14 & 31, Nov 11 & 28)  
6:30 - 7:30 pm \$12 drop in  
\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x,  
Mondays at Fruitvale Hall  
Sept 16 – Nov 25 8 classes \$64  
Thursdays at Montrose Hall  
Sept 5 – Oct 24 8 classes \$64  
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to April at class

## ZUMBA GOLD

Instructor: April Arnot  
A low-impact modified Zumba® dance fitness class perfect for beginners of all fitness levels.  
Wednesdays  
September 4 – December 18  
9:30 - 10:30 am \$12 drop in  
\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x,  
Tae Kwon Do Gym  
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to April at class



### CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Abby Verigin  
 Starting September 10, 2024  
**Tuesdays** from 10 - 11 am  
**Fridays** from noon - 1 pm  
 All Tuesdays at Fruitvale Hall  
 (omit Sept 17, Oct 15, 22, Nov 19)  
 Fridays at Fruitvale Hall on  
 Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 25,  
 Nov 15, 29, Dec 13, 20  
 Fridays at Montrose Hall on  
 Sept 13, Oct 18, Nov 1, 8, 22, Dec 6  
 A gentle, seated style of yoga made  
 for all bodies & abilities  
 \$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in  
 (Pass can be used at all Yoga  
 classes and BWB&B)  
 Fruitvale Hall  
 To pay over the phone, call BV  
 Recreation at 231-5172 or bring  
 cash or cheque to Abby at class

### RESTORATIVE DEEP STRETCH

Instructor: Abby Verigin  
**Wednesdays**  
 Starting September 11, 2024  
 6 - 7 pm at Montrose Hall  
 Release tension and stress while  
 exploring laying down yoga postures  
 with our breath.  
 \$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in  
 (Pass can be used at all Yoga  
 classes and BWB&B)  
 To pay over the phone, call BV  
 Recreation at 231-5172 or bring  
 cash or cheque to Abby at class

### SENIOR LINE DANCE

Instructor: April Biscaro  
 Learn the basic steps of Country &  
 Western Line Dancing. You do not  
 need a partner. Everyone welcome!  
**Fridays**  
**October 25 - December 13**  
 (omit November 1)  
 (Nov 8 & 22 at Montrose Hall)  
 10 - 11 am  
 \$1 per person per week drop-in  
 Fruitvale Hall  
 For more information,  
 call April at 921-9733

### ZUMBA KIDS

Instructor: April Arnot  
 Kids Jr. (ages 4-6) and Zumba Kids  
 (7-11) are great classes to get the  
 kids moving!  
**Mondays**  
**October 28 - Dec 9** (omit Nov. 11)  
**Oct 21 FREE classes to try it out!**  
 3:30 - 4 pm Kids Jr. \$35  
 4:15 - 5 pm Kids \$45  
 Fruitvale Hall  
 Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

### OCT PUBLIC SKATING

Friday	4	6 - 7:30 pm
Sunday	6	3 - 4:30 pm
Sunday	13	3 - 4:30 pm
Sunday	20	3 - 4:30 pm
Friday	25	12:30 - 2 pm
Sunday	27	3 - 4:30 pm

### NOV PUBLIC SKATING

Sunday	3	3 - 4:30 pm
Friday	8	12:30 - 2 pm
Sunday	10	3 - 4:30 pm
Friday	15	6 - 7:30 pm
Sunday	17	3 - 4:30 pm
Sunday	24	3 - 4:30 pm
Saturday	30	4:30 - 6 pm

### DEC PUBLIC SKATING

Sunday	1	3 - 4:30 pm
Friday	6	6 - 7:30 pm
Sunday	8	3 - 4:30 pm
Sunday	15	3 - 4:30 pm

### FREE CHRISTMAS PUBLIC SKATING

**December 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30**  
**January 2, 3**  
 12:30 - 2 pm

### SHOOT WITH THE NITEHAWKS

**Friday, October 11**  
 6 - 7:30 pm  
 \$3 Youth, \$4 Adult, \$10 Family  
 Bring your stick and helmet.

### GLOW SKATES

**Fridays & Sundays**  
 During public skating sessions

### TOONIE SKATES

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
 10 - 11 am

### BV YAN GLOW SKATE

**October 25** 8 - 10 pm  
 All BV youth ages 12-16 are  
 welcome to attend FREE!

### HALLOWEEN SKATE & HAUNTED HOUSE

**October 27** 3 - 4:30 pm  
 Wear your costume and get in free!

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**December 7, 2024**  
 9 - 11 am at the Fruitvale Hall  
 The Fruitvale Fire Department is  
 behind the scenes cooking and the  
 Beaver Valley Nitehawks serving.  
 Egg, sausage and pancakes. Get  
 your picture taken with Santa!

### X-MAS EVE SKATE

**Tuesday, December 24**  
 11:30 - 1:30 pm  
 Free admission, skate rentals, hot  
 dogs and juice boxes. Compliments  
 of the BV Lions Club. Get your  
 picture taken with Santa!

### BV CURLING

To receive an email when the AGM  
 and registration or drop-in practice  
 dates are set, please email  
 Hayley Colussi at  
[bvcurlingclub@outlook.com](mailto:bvcurlingclub@outlook.com)

### DROP IN HOCKEY

There will be reduced sessions due  
 to limited ice. Please follow our  
 Facebook page, as dates will be  
 announced by mid-September.





Beaver Valley  
Recreation

# October 2024

DAY	DATE	TIME	
TUE & THUR	OCT 1 & 3	10 – 11 AM	Toonie Skate
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 4	6 – 7:30 PM	<b>GLOW SKATE</b>
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 6	3 – 4:30 PM	<b>GLOW SKATE</b>
TUE & THUR	OCT 8 & 10	10 - 11 AM	Toonie Skate
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 11	6 – 7:30 PM	<b>Shoot with the Nitehawks</b> Bring stick and helmet
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 13	3 – 4:30 PM	<b>GLOW SKATE</b>
TUE & THUR	OCT 15 & 17	10 – 11 AM	Toonie Skate
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 20	3 – 4:30 PM	<b>GLOW SKATE</b>
TUE & THUR	OCT 22 & 24	10 – 11 AM	Toonie Skate
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 25	12:30 – 2 PM	<b>Pro-D Day Skate</b>
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 25	8 – 10 PM	<b>BV YAN GLOW SKATE</b> All BV youth ages 12-16 are FREE!
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 27	3 – 4:30 PM	Wear your <b>HALLOWEEN</b> costume and get into public skating FREE! Come see the <b>Haunted House!</b>
TUE & THUR	OCT 29 & 31	10 – 11 AM	Toonie Skate

**\$3.00 Child, \$4.00 Adult, \$10.00 Family, \$2.00 Skate rentals, \$5.00 Skate Sharpening  
\$1.00 candy bags sold in the skate shop**

**Ages 2-6 Drop in hockey Oct. 25 at 10-11am,  
Helmet required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop**

**Ages 7-11 Drop in hockey Oct. 25 at 11-12pm,  
Full gear required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop**

**Ages 12-16 Drop in hockey Oct 25 at 2:30-3:30pm,  
Full gear required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop**

**Ladies Drop in hockey Oct. 27 at 6:30-7:30pm,  
Full gear required, \$5.00 admission at skate shop**



## **RDKB Ignites FireSmart Savings with New Rebate Program**

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) has announced the launch of its Residential FireSmart Rebate Program, providing an incredible opportunity for residents to enhance the wildfire resiliency of their homes and communities. This initiative is the latest addition to the RDKB's ongoing efforts to promote FireSmart practices, reinforcing the district's commitment to wildfire mitigation.

Homeowners who have taken advantage of a FREE FireSmart Home Assessment by an RDKB Wildfire Mitigation Specialist—and those planning to do so in the future—are now eligible to apply for rebates ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. This rebate is designed as a 50% cost-share, meaning that for every dollar spent on eligible FireSmart activities, homeowners can receive 50 cents back, up to the program's maximum.

"This is another great step forward for the RDKB's FireSmart program," said Carlene Pires, RDKB's Emergency Program/FireSmart Coordinator. "We're proud to support residents who are proactively taking measures to protect their homes and communities. This rebate program recognizes and rewards their efforts, helping to offset the costs of important mitigation work."

**Key Details of the FireSmart Rebate Program:**

**Rebate Amounts:** Homeowners can apply for rebates between \$500 and \$5,000, with the rebate amount calculated as 50% of the total cost of eligible mitigation work. For instance, \$1,000 of completed work qualifies for a \$500 rebate, while \$10,000 or more in work is needed for the full \$5,000 rebate.

**Eligible Work:** To qualify for the rebate, residents must complete the mitigation actions specified in the FireSmart assessment report provided by an RDKB Wildfire Mitigation Specialist. Only work done within 30 meters of the home is eligible.

**Application Process:** Residents must document their work using the Rebate Application Form, tracking both personal labour (valued at \$32.00/hour) and any hired contractors or materials. Completed applications, including photos and receipts, should be submitted to [firesmart@rdkb.com](mailto:firesmart@rdkb.com).

**Timeline:** Applications are open from August 15th to October 31st, 2024. For those who cannot complete their work within this period, the rebate program will reopen with an earlier intake in Spring 2025, ensuring that future application windows allow ample time for participation.

The FireSmart Rebate Program is available to residents in RDKB's Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, and E, as well as the municipalities of Fruitvale, Montrose, Trail, Warfield, Grand Forks, and Greenwood. Please note that residents of Midway and Rossland should refer to their own local programs, as their rebate structures differ from RDKB's.

The RDKB encourages all eligible homeowners to take advantage of this opportunity to reduce wildfire risks on their properties. As funding is limited and rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, early application is recommended.

For more information, including the detailed rebate guide and application form, please visit

<https://emergency.rdkb.com/Be-Prepared/FireSmart> or contact the FireSmart team at [firesmart@rdkb.com](mailto:firesmart@rdkb.com) or 250-368-0259.



# Trash to Treasure



## Saturday

October 19, 2024

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!

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](http://rdkb.com)



### HALLOWEEN BONFIRE

The Fruitvale Firefighters are hosting their annual Halloween bonfire at the Fire Hall. Bring the kids down to warm up after a fun-filled evening of trick-or-treating on October 31st.

On behalf of the community, the Village of Fruitvale Council and RDKB Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, THANK YOU to the Fruitvale Firefighters making memories for the kids by hosting this event every year!

Please remember to dress to be seen, carry a flashlight, dress warm.



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The information for the ukulele lessons is as follows:

Meeting place Beaver Valley Manor

Starting date Monday October 21, 2024

Starting times 5:45 p.m. for Beginners and 7 p.m. for Intermediate level

to enroll please call: CBAL office - 250-921-6525



Debbie Korn will be the instructor and has a few ukuleles for use but if you have your own please bring it. Debbie said if people enrolled in beginner's level last year or anyone else who would like a refresher are welcome to join the beginner's group.



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