

# Beaver Valley Bulletin



## Remembrance Day

▪ NOVEMBER 11 ▪

**Lest we forget**



Join us at the cenotaph on Monday, November 11th for the 2024 Remembrance Day Service which will begin promptly at 10:45am.

There will be an opportunity for the laying of wreaths.

Wreaths must be ordered from the Trail Legion.

To order your wreath, please contact the Trail Legion at 250-364-1422 as soon as possible.

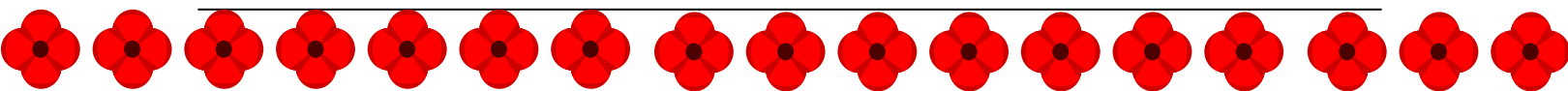


If you would like to have your wreath announced at the ceremony, please send the name of the wreath layer and who the wreath is in memory of, to the Village Office at [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) so we can include it on our list.

If you prefer to not have your wreath announced, there will be an opportunity to lay your wreath immediately following the laying of the announced wreaths.

Following the Service, attendees are invited to Fruitvale Memorial Centre for light refreshment.

Thank you to RDKB Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve for funding the refreshments and to Councillor Julia Mason for organizing the event.





## Ali Grieve, Director Area A

\*Fruitvale at dusk

### Proud to Live in a Healthy Thriving Community

I walk through Area A and our Village nearly every day, and I've witnessed significant investments from various partners over the past several years. While growth has been modest due to limited infrastructure—particularly in water and sewer capacity—we're fortunate to see ongoing improvements thanks to strong collaborations with some key partners, including:

- Area A and the Village of Fruitvale
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Atco Wood Products
- Federal and Provincial Governments
- School District 20
- And surprisingly, the Toronto Blue Jays!

Our Elementary School and local grocery store boast brand-new exteriors, and we have a state-of-the-art Beaver Valley Day Care Centre adjacent to a new Affordable Housing Unit, officially named Blizzard Mountain Place. We've also introduced a fantastic new Little League Park, complete with turf provided by the Blue Jays, along with the Creekside Campground, Bocce Pit, Pickleball Court, Disc Golf, and a new Zamboni wrapped in a locomotive design that pays homage to our rail town heritage. Our arena remains one of the best maintained in the area, complemented by an exceptional Community Hall. We truly are fortunate to live in such a vibrant community.

As the approving body for our Official Community Plans, the Province of BC emphasizes the importance of density in the heart of our communities. In line with this vision, we are excited to announce another partnership with Area A and the Village of Fruitvale to develop a green space behind the Memorial Hall, featuring a new gazebo.

Area A receives approximately \$85K annually from the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly known as the Gas Tax). This is all Federal Grant money. As your representative for Area A, I am committed to pursuing investments that benefit the wider Beaver Valley community. We have also shared our engineering designs from the Beaver Creek Arbor with the Village, which will provide a strong foundation for the gazebo.

Furthermore, Area A will contribute \$200K from the CCBF to this initiative. This green space will not only enhance the area but also serve as a beautiful backdrop for events at the Hall, downtown activities, and future Farmers Markets. I look forward to seeing this project move forward!

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As your elected representatives, we understand the challenges that any budget increase can bring for our residents. While it's essential to address necessary infrastructure needs and contractual tax increases, some of us feel that "good" is now "good enough." We are fortunate to live in such a remarkable community, and it's time to prioritize the maintenance of what we already have. Going forward, my focus will shift toward preserving and enhancing our existing assets, ensuring they continue to serve us well for years to come.



# Mayor Morissette

This will be my last Mayor's note in our Newsletter. It brings with it many emotions, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on Council with good Councillor's that became good friends. My time on Council allowed me to sit as a Municipal Director on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary where I added to my positive Relationships with other Mayor's, Area Director's, and Councillor's throughout our region. From that seat at the RDKB Board I was able to sit on regional committees such as Beaver Valley Recreation, the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior, West Kootenay Transit, the South Kootenay Green Link Steering Committee as well as the Kootenay Career Development Team Society. The thought of becoming our MLA was never on my radar but I really enjoyed the Regional aspect of the responsibilities I stepped into and when the opportunity to enter the race for our riding Provincially was presented, it felt right for me.

I am proud of what we have accomplished on council in the 10 years I have been on Council, 4 as a Councillor and 6 as your Mayor. We have built a Capital Reserve to assist us in replacing worn out infrastructure such as pipes in the ground, sewage treatment, roads, park upgrades. We have built Masterplans for the old School Site (and on that site built a 37 seat Daycare and are in the middle of construction of a 31 unit Housing Complex), Haines Park (Rebuilt Ryder pavilion, new fencing on the front side, new artificial turf little league park), Creekside Parks Plans, Active Transportation Plan, and became the first interior Municipality to become a certified Living Wage Employer.

With BV Recreation we have the money set aside and the plan to build a replica train station/mini museum as well as move the Historic Park School onto the Railway Park land, we are just waiting for BNSF Rail line to sign the lease so we can start construction.

Nearly all of these projects are being planned or built to bolster our tax revenue by creating a new "vibe" downtown to attract people downtown to attract new and retain our existing Business'. The Daycare and housing attract more people and taxes to the Valley to reduce the long term burden on taxpayers.

I am sad to leave my responsibilities in Fruitvale and area, but I am excited to work for everyone in our riding and the Province bringing a rural perspective to the large challenges of Healthcare, affordability, the environment, the toxic drug crisis, and public safety.







# Thank you Mayor



**As we reflect on the remarkable journey of our Mayor Steve Morissette, it is essential to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for his unwavering dedication and service to the Village of Fruitvale. His commitment has not only transformed our community but has also inspired countless residents to engage in local governance and civic responsibility.**

**We are especially thrilled to congratulate him on achieving the historic milestone of becoming the first Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from our village. This accomplishment is a testament to his hard work, vision, and tireless advocacy for our community's needs. Under his leadership, we have witnessed significant progress and development that will benefit generations to come.**

**Thank you, Mayor, for your service and your passion for making the Village of Fruitvale a better place for all its residents. Your achievements serve as an inspiration, reminding us that with determination and community spirit, anything is possible.**



## Beaver Valley Christmas Hamper November 1st, 2024



Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:

Village of Fruitvale office, Village of Montrose office, Liberty Foods, and BV Thrift Store/Food Bank or scanned and emailed to [naomim@uwbc.ca](mailto:naomim@uwbc.ca)

Hamper Application due dates is:

BV Holiday/Christmas Hamper Program:

*Monday, December 2nd, 2024*

Hamper Pickup:

BV Christmas Hamper Program:

*Saturday, December 21, 2024 Fruitvale Community Hall*

Doors will open for pick up at 11 am



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



# Fruitvale Christmas Market

Fruitvale Memorial Centre

Friday, Nov. 22nd  
4pm-8pm

Saturday, Nov. 23rd  
10am-2pm


Food & Drink

Prizes

Free to attend!

Live Music

Artisans



**BEAVER VALLEY X-COUNTRY SKI CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUES, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**



**BV CURLING CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP PASSES WILL BE ON SALE**

# VILLAGE OF MONTROSE UPDATE

**CRIB AND WHIST CARD NIGHTS** - Join us at the Montrose Hall for Crib and Whist card nights! We welcome all new players. The fee is just \$2.00, with cash prizes and a refreshment break.

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Every Second Tuesday**

Future dates are:

Oct 22, Nov 5 & 19, Dec 3 & 17.

**2025** - Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18, Mar 4 & 18,

Apr 1, 15 & 29, May 13 & 27



**WINTER PREPARATION** - As winter approaches, Village staff kindly request that all vehicle and recreational vehicle owners remove their vehicles from boulevards and alleys. This will allow our crew to efficiently plow snow as needed.



**SPEEDING AWARENESS** - We receive numerous road safety concerns from residents. Please remember that the speed limit in Montrose is **30 km/h**. Young children may not be aware of the dangers that streets can pose. Let's keep our streets safe by adhering to the speed limit.



## 2024 OUTSTANDING UTILITIES & TAXES

Reminder to users: All outstanding water and sewer utilities are due on December 31st, 2024. On January 1, 2025, unpaid utilities are transferred to taxes in arrears and will be subject to interest charges. Any unpaid current taxes or unclaimed Home Owners Grants will be transferred to taxes in arrears on January 1, 2025, if not paid or claimed by December 31, 2024. If you have any questions regarding 2024 utilities or taxes, please contact the Village Office.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK

The Montrose Fire Department will be holding their second annual food drive for the Beaver Valley Foodbank in December. Details including time and date will be announced closer to December. Watch out for the next Village newsletter to see how you can help to reduce food shortages in our Valley.







Reminder all unpaid property taxes and utilities will begin to accrue interest as of January 1, 2025.

**Breakfast with Santa**

PANCAKE, EGG & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

PICTURES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY DEC 7 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL



**OPEN BOWLING AT BEAVER VALLEY LANES:**

Saturday November 2 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday November 3 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Saturday November 9 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday November 10 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Saturday November 16 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday November 17 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Saturday November 23 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday November 24 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Saturday November 30 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm



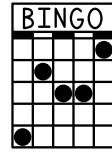
## BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH #44

### 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 every Tuesday**



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

## GARBAGE TAGS

GARBAGE TAGS AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Free tags that were offered in October 2023 in lieu of paid garbage service, will only be available for pick until December 20, 2024.

Please if you have not picked up your 13 free tags visit the Village of Fruitvale office.

## CURBSIDE PICKUP

As per the Wildlife Attractant Control Bylaw No. 965 Garbage Cans are required in the Village of Fruitvale for curbside pickup.







FRIENDS OF THE BEAVER VALLEY LIBRARY  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

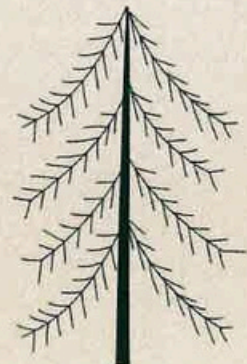
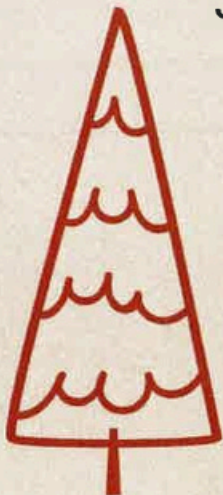
Saturday November 9th 10am-7pm  
Sunday November 10th 10am-4pm



**\$3.00 ADMISSION FEE**

Pottery, Crafts, Decorations, Knitting & Crochet,  
Jewelry, Wood crafts and More!

**FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL**  
NEXT TO LIBERTY FOODS





# BV YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT!

Date - Nov 15, 5-9pm

Movie? - **Youths Choice!**

Place - Camp Tweedsmuir  
(Scouts Rd - Fruitvale BC)

# FREE

AGES 12-18

INCLUDED

POPCORN -  
FOOD -  
DRINKS -  
CANDY -

Questions? Email us at  
beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

(or check out  
our socials!)



# SCRAPBOOK CRAFT NIGHT

**BEAVER VALLEY PARK**  
\*Nov 29\*  
5-9pm

All Supplies included!

Bring your own pictures

Follow our Socials!

Location:  
Camp Tweedsmuir  
Scout Rd, Fruitvale

FREE Ages 12-18  
Please RSVP here,  
or email us at:  
beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

RSVP



# Beaver Valley

## SENIORS' LUNCH

### Tuesday, November 19

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL

SERVED BUFFET

DRAW PRIZES

12:30PM



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

Ticket Cost: \$10.00

For individual or group bookings(6+)  
RSVP to Jayme Fowler by Tuesday, November 12:  
T: 250-231-7260 E: bvevents@rdkb.com



Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary





## JINGLE EXPRESS TRAIN TICKETS



The Jingle Express Train will be riding the rails on **Saturday December 7, 2024.**

The scenic 45-minute train ride through the winter landscape of the Beaver Valley leaves the Pole Yard Lane station on the hour beginning at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Tickets will be given out on a “first come, first served” basis on **Saturday, November 23rd** at 9:00 am at the Village of Fruitvale office. Tickets are by donation (suggested donation \$5/ticket) and are limited to 6 tickets per family.

As this is a very popular event, we ask that you only take the number of tickets that you require. This will allow for other to take part in this event.

Thank you to ATCO Wood Products and their partners for providing this fun community event!



[www.fruitvale.ca](http://www.fruitvale.ca)

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