

Happy New Year!
January 2025

JANUARY 2025

Beaver Valley Bulletin



CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The Village of Fruitvale will once again be taking Christmas trees to the landfill free of charge after the Christmas season. Please bring your tree to the designated area (look for the sign) in the Pole Yard before January 14th, 2025. There will be no curb-side tree collection. Please ensure all decorations and plastic tree bags have been removed when you drop off your tree.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURES
Village of Fruitvale Office Closed
December 25, 2024 to January 1st, 2025
Regular hours resume January 2, 2025

BEAVER VALLEY BULLETIN ELECTRONIC

To receive the newsletter electronically, please send
your email address to
newsletter@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Paper copies will be available
at the Village Office.

Please visit our local websites for the Beaver Valley Bulletin



www.fruitvale.ca



www.rdkb.com



www.montrose.ca



Ali Grieve, Director Area A

What is the Lower Columbia Initiative Corporation (LCIC): Why does it Matter?

The LCIC plays a critical role in fostering the economic growth and development of our region. Established in 2009, it has faced challenges along the way, including a withdrawal by the City of Trail from a joint contract once held with the LCIC by all seven communities of our East End of the Regional District. Trail established a separate contract. Despite this change, the LCIC continued to thrive under strong leadership.

At the heart of the LCIC is a group of highly educated volunteers with expertise in economics and business development. This specialized knowledge is vital to our collective future. The work of the LCIC allows for a better understanding of broader regional, national, and global economic trends that directly impacts *all of us*.

We need a diverse and growing economy, which can only be achieved through a strategic approach to economic growth that includes careful planning, research, and decision-making based on evidence.

The LCIC helps answer some of the most crucial questions that can shape our region's future, such as: How can we boost local economies? How can we contribute to Canada's GDP growth? What are the long-term economic outcomes of our investment decisions? And how can we ensure that the projects we support will have lasting benefits?

Economic growth today requires innovation, technology development, and international collaboration. We must remain competitive on a global scale, or risk stagnation. This is why the work of the LCIC with its dedicated employees is not just valuable—it's essential. The future of our communities depends on forward-thinking strategies, and the LCIC is our key driver.

We, politicians are NOT the ones who will do the research to find the best investments for our economies; we simply approve the budgets that allow this work to continue. Without all SEVEN partners of the Lower Columbia – together - in the fold, I see continued challenges. How can the East End 6 do economic development without Trail? **We cannot.** The LCIC is an investment in our future. If we want to succeed, we must recognize its importance and support its continued efforts.

Rossland, Warfield, Montrose, Fruitvale, and Area A and Area B continue to work together to bring our friends, the City of Trail, back under ONE contract with the LCIC. Together, we must see the LCIC as an investment in our future rather than just another line item in our budgets.

Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepanek (July 1990 – June 2004 @ Age 13)

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER..... TO MAKE 2025 A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL !!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!



Happy 2025 from
Catherine Guesford (Ellison) Deputy Mayor



I would like for a moment to chat about Democracy, lets note a famous quote from Abraham Lincoln “Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, and for the people”.

When looking at Democracy you would expect to see the words like Fair, Problem Solving, and Opportunity. When thinking about democracy it brings to the forefront meaningful dialogue, debate and discussion in an effort to solve problems. Participation tends to enhance good relations that builds a community that is self-reliant and spirited.

The right to vote and hold those elected officers accountable is your right and is a necessary element of democracy. As such, local elections are an element of democratic governance for the people. The Village of Fruitvale will be holding a by-election on April 5, 2025.

As your Deputy Mayor I am asking you to put democracy into action and make your voice heard by voting in the upcoming by-election for a new Mayor.

A healthy democracy requires a decent society; it requires that we are honorable, generous, tolerant and respectful [Charles W. Pickering](#)



BEAVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL 1968 Main Street, Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L1

No Bingo Wednesday, January 1st, 2025





Beaver Valley

SENIORS' LUNCH

Tuesday, January 21

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL

SERVED BUFFET

DRAW PRIZES

12:30PM



United Way
British Columbia

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, January 14:

T: 250-231-7260 E: bvevents@rdkb.com



**Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary**



STREETLIGHTS

Darkness comes earlier in the winter so now is the time to report any non-working street-lights to the Village Office, info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Be sure to include the location of the pole, the number on the pole and the problem with the light.



The Village will report it to FortisBC, who will repair as time permits.

BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH #44

Become 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
Carpet Bowling every Tuesday
No monthly general meeting in December.

The Annual General Meeting is January 29, 2025. (There will be an election of Directors at this meeting) For membership information contact Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685



Fruitvale Elementary School



Students at the Fruitvale Elementary School showed their community spirit in December by collecting food donations for the Beaver Valley Food Bank. They decorated collection boxes for each classroom and filled them to the brims! The BV Food Bank would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and staff for their efforts in helping to provide essential groceries for families in the Beaver Valley; caring and sharing with others in need.





"Energy Savings & Resilience Made Easy! Explore RDKB's HomeSmart Guide and Win Big!"

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) has launched a new RDKB HomeSmart Guide to help residents understand how energy efficiency and resilient upgrades can work together to improve comfort, lower energy costs, and prepare homes for climate impacts.

RDKB Board Chair Andy Morel highlighted the value of the program and guide, saying, "The RDKB HomeSmart program, and this new guide are valuable resources for our communities. They empower residents to make informed decisions about energy efficiency and climate resilience, supporting the RDKB Climate Action Plan, as we all work toward a safer, more sustainable future."

Freya Phillips, RDKB's Senior Energy Specialist, explains the purpose of the guide: "Currently, there is no other homeowner resource that combines energy efficiency and resiliency measures tailored to our specific climate hazards in the RDKB, such as wildfires, drought, extreme weather and floods. Whether you're considering a renovation or simply looking to understand the benefits of a particular upgrade, this guide offers valuable support for creating a healthier, more comfortable and resilient home."

"This is a great visual and easy-to-read guide for anyone interested in how our region's climatic hazards can impact their home's comfort and safety" adds Raven Atherton, RDKB's Retrofit Program Coordinator. "Whether you're a homeowner, tenant, or renovation contractor, if you're looking to make home improvements, you'll want to take a look," she adds.

The launch of the RDKB HomeSmart Guide coincides with the RDKB HomeSmart program's first anniversary. To celebrate, one RDKB resident will have the chance to win a pre-upgrade EnerGuide assessment which provides valuable insights into impactful home upgrades to improve energy efficiency and a post-upgrade EnerGuide assessment which measures the energy savings. The combined prize is valued at around \$1,000, and provided courtesy of FortisBC.

To enter the 'Read to Win' RDKB HomeSmart Challenge, RDKB residents need to visit homesmart.rdkb.com to read the guide, answer three questions about the guide, and submit their entry by January 31, 2025. The contest is open to both new and current participants who have signed up to the RDKB HomeSmart program. It excludes residents within the city limits of Rossland who have a separate program, Retrofit Assist.

The RDKB HomeSmart Guide organizes information into key areas: the building envelope, heating and cooling, interior, and exterior. Adopting the House As A System Approach, it also covers essential maintenance and preparedness tips.

To access the guide, register for the RDKB HomeSmart program, and enter the Read to Win' RDKB HomeSmart Challenge, visit <http://homesmart.rdkb.com>.

The RDKB HomeSmart program is supported by The Columbia Basin Trust, Fortis BC and The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.



OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES AND UTILITIES



All outstanding 2024 property taxes and utilities on January 1, 2025 will be transferred to property taxes in arrears and will accrue daily interest.

The Village accepts the follow forms of payment:

E-transfer to finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca (make sure to reference you roll number or street address and what the payment is for)

Through on-line banking for taxes and utilities (allow 3 business days for payment to reach the office)

Drop your payment in the drop box at the front entrance of the Village Office

Mail your payments to the Village Office

Pay with Credit Card (will be subject to an automatic 3% service fee on amount being paid)



Laser Bowling:

Saturday January 4th 6-9pm

Saturday January 11th 6-9pm

Saturday January 18th 6-9pm

Saturday January 25th 6-9pm



Regular Bowling:



Sunday January 5th 1:30-4:30pm

Sunday January 12th 1:30-4:30pm

Sunday January 19th 1:30-4:30pm

Sunday January 26th 1:30-4:30pm

***Hours are subject to change due to private bookings.**

We'll do our best to keep our hours up to date!

Thanks Beaver Valley Bowling Club



Village of Montrose

Office Hours - Monday to Friday 8:30 –noon -

1:00 – 4:30 p.m. 367-7234

admin@montrose.ca

www.montrose.ca



WE ARE ON FACEBOOK & DOWNLOAD THE NEW CITIZEN

2025 ANIMAL LICENCES

Dog and cat tags for the 2025 year are now available for purchase at the office.

NEW FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW #786

The Village Council has passed Bylaw # 786 to protect people, property and the Village from fires caused by open burning and negligence. All persons who wish to have a residential campfire within the Village are required to complete and purchase a Residential Campfire Permit yearly (January 1st to December 31st) at a cost of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from the Village Municipal office prior to having a campfire.

Please visit the Village website for more information on Bylaw #786.



BOULEVARD PARKING



Residents are reminded that during the winter months snow is plowed onto the Village boulevard.

From Policy PW-2012-01 Snow Management
& Ice Control:

1. Anyone parked on the boulevard could be towed.
2. Boulevards are the property of the Village of Fruitvale.
3. Know where your property lines are.
4. No tolerance or exceptions due to safety and liability issues.

The Village of Fruitvale's Bylaw Officer will be patrolling the Village and enforcing our bylaws.



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Beaver Valley Recreation

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook under Beaver Valley Recreation
www.rdkb.com Click on Recreation & Culture, Beaver Valley

SENIOR'S LUNCHES

Tuesdays at 12:30 pm
January 21, February 18,
March 18, April 15, May 20
Fruitvale Hall
\$10 admission at the door
Please rsvp to Jayme at 231-7260
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.
March 29, 2025
9 am – 1:30 pm
\$40
Montrose 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.
March 15, 2025
9 am – 4:30 pm
\$65
Montrose Hall
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

SHOOT WITH THE NITEHAWKS

Sunday, February 23, 2025
3 – 4:30 pm
\$3 Youth, \$4 Adult, \$10 Family
Bring your stick and helmet.

PM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Jodi Ihas
Thursdays
Starting January 9, 2025
7 - 8:15 pm
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular 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 and water bottle.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
January 7 – March 27, 2025
(omit January 16)
Make up class on January 17)
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 January 6, 2025
Noon – 1 pm at Fruitvale Hall
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular 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

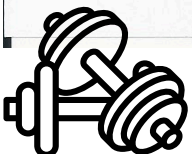
Instructor: Wendy Robertsen
Wednesdays
Starting January 8, 2025
9 – 10:15 am
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular Yoga classes and BWB&B)
Montrose Hall
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Wendy at class

ZUMBA ages 12+

Instructor: April Arnot
Mondays at Fruitvale Hall
Thursdays at Montrose Hall
(Thursday's cancelled for May & June)
Starting January 6, 2025
(omit Feb 17, Apr 21, May 19)
6:30 - 7:30 pm
\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x,
\$12 drop in
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
January 8 – June 25, 2025
(omit April 30)
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 January 7, 2025

Tuesdays from 10 - 11 am

Fridays from noon - 1 pm

(omit Jan 17 & 21, Feb 18, Mar 18,

Apr 15, May 16 & 20)

A gentle, seated style of yoga made for all bodies & abilities

\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in

(Pass can be used at all regular 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

NEW YOGA SERIES!

With Abby Verigin

Payment only through Abby

Not part of punch pass option

Series #1 Stretch + Release Yoga

Wednesdays, Jan 8 - Feb 12

6 - 7:15 pm at Montrose Hall

\$110 for the series, \$20 drop in

A rejuvenating practice designed to release tension, reduce stress & enhance mobility. Combining gentle stretching with the soothing benefits of self-massage using yoga props like rollers and balls, this series helps target tight muscles, ease discomfort, and promote deep relaxation. Each session encourages mindful movement, self-care, and the restoration of balance in both body and mind.

Series #2 Yoga for Stress Relief

Wednesdays, Feb 19 - March 26

6 - 7:15 pm at Montrose Hall

\$110 for the series, \$20 drop in

This practice is designed to help individuals manage and reduce stress through mindful yoga practices. Abby combines gentle movements, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques to create a calming experience for your nervous system. Each session focuses on easing physical and mental tension, fostering a sense of peace and balance within.

SENIOR LINE DANCE

Instructor: April Biscaro

Learn the basic steps of Country & Western Line Dancing. You do not need a partner. Everyone welcome!

Fridays

January 10 - April 11

10 - 11 am

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

January 20 - March 10, 2025

(omit February 17)

3:30 - 4 pm Kids Jr. \$40

4:15 - 5 pm Kids \$50

Fruitvale Hall

Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

GLOW SKATES

Fridays & Sundays

During public skating sessions

TOONIE SKATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10 - 11 am

BV YAN GLOW SKATE

February 28 & March 21

8 - 10 pm

All BV youth ages 12-16 are

welcome to attend FREE!

X-MAS EVE SKATE

Tuesday

December 24

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Free admission, skate rentals, hot dogs and juice boxes. Compliments of the BV Lions Club. Get your picture taken with Santa!

There is limited public skating and Drop in Hockey in Jan & Feb due to six hockey tournaments.

CHRISTMAS SKATING

December 21 - 23 12:30 - 2 pm

December 24 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

December 27 - 30 12:30 - 2 pm

January 2 - 3 12:30 - 2 pm

A big thank you to the following sponsors for providing **FREE skating** over the Holidays: **BV Lions Club, Western Financial Group, BV Dental Centre, KSCU, Glacier Edge Motorsports, Fruitvale Canco, Atco Wood Products & Fruitvale CO-OP.**

JAN PUBLIC SKATING

January 12 3 - 4:30 pm

January 19 3 - 4:30 pm

January 26 3 - 4:30 pm

FEB PUBLIC SKATING

February 2 3 - 4:30 pm

February 14 12:30 - 2 pm

February 16 3 - 4:30 pm

February 28 6 - 7:30 pm

March public skating will be advertised later.

DROP IN HOCKEY

Full hockey gear required for ages 7+. Ages 2-6 requires helmet.

\$5 admission at the skate shop.

Dec 8, 5 - 6pm, Ladies

Dec 21, 10 - 11am, ages 2-6

Dec 21, 11 - noon, ages 12-16

Dec 21, 5 - 6pm, Ladies

Dec 22, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 2-6

Dec 22, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 7-11

Dec 23, 10 - 11am, ages 7-11

Dec 23, 11 - noon, ages 12-16

Dec 27, 10 - 11am, ages 2-6

Dec 27, 11 - noon, ages 7-11

Dec 28, 10 - 11am, ages 2-6

Dec 28, 11 - noon, ages 7-11

Dec 28, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 12-16

Dec 29, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 7-11

Dec 29, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 12-16

Dec 30, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 2-6

Dec 30, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 12-16

Dec 30, 5 - 6pm, Ladies

Jan 2, 2:30 - 3:30pm, ages 2-6

Jan 2, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 7-11

Jan 2, 4:45 - 5:45pm, ages 12-16





'FASHIONABLY LATE' MOVIE+GAME NIGHT



FREE

AGES 12-18

JAN 3RD, 4-8 PM

CAMP TWEEDSMUIR

(Scouts Rd - Fruitvale BC)

Movie is Youths Choice!

We will have plenty of party/board games to choose from!

Have a favorite from home?
Feel free to bring it along!

Food, Drinks, and Candy
will be provided.



QUESTIONS?

Email us at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

check out our socials for
upcoming events!



BV YOUTH SKI NIGHT



**TUESDAY JAN 14TH
6-9PM
SALMO SKI HILL**

**ONLY COVERING A NIGHT TICKET
YOU HAVE TO COVER RENTALS!
(YOUTH 12-18)**

Come find Kate and we'll cover your ticket!

WANT TO REGISTER? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email us at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com





Stop the scourge of flushable wipes!

Please help keep The Village of Fruitvale sanitary system healthy.



1

**Please don't flush
wipes down our
sewer system.**



2

**Please only flush the
3-P's Pee, Poo & Paper.**



3

**Please do not flush
Flushable wipes.**



4

**Wipes cause huge problems
with the Village of Fruitvale's
Sewer System, which is a huge
cost to taxpayers.**



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES FOR 2025

The Village of Fruitvale Council procedures Bylaw No. 978, 2025 Council Meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting Dates for 2025. Meetings are held in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers, 1947 Beaver Street, Fruitvale, BC and via Zoom Video Conference beginning at 6:00 pm. Any changes to meeting dates and/or times are posted on the Village of Fruitvale website, www.fruitvale.ca and on the bulletin board at the Village Office.

Regular Council

Committee of the Whole – If Required

January 6, 2025
February 3, 2025
March 3, 2025
April 7, 2025
May 5, 2025
June 2, 2025
July 7, 2025

January 20, 2025
February 24, 2025
March 17, 2025
April 28, 2025
May 26, 2025
June 16, 2025
July 21, 2025

August 11, 2025 – Call of the Chair
September 8, 2025
October 6, 2025
November 3, 2025
December 1, 2025

August 25, 2025
September 22, 2025
October 20, 2025
November 17, 2025
December 15, 2025



2025 DOG TAGS (licenses)



Village of Fruitvale residents can purchase their dog license at the Village Office. Area A residents can purchase their dog tag at the RDKB Office in Trail, 202 - 843 Rossland Avenue.

For the safety, peace and comfort of your neighbor's, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard and do not let them bark continually at all hours of the day and night.

