



# Beaver Valley Bulletin



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**MARCH 2025**



## Village of Fruitvale - Update to Residents

### 2025 WATER AND SEWER USER FEES

The 2025 water and sewer invoices will be sent out by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A 5% discount will be offered for 30 days after the date of the billing. If you have not received your utility bill by March 14, please contact the Village Office a 250-367-7551 or [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca).

#### Payment options are as follows:

- Cheques, bank drafts and/or money orders hand delivered, mailed to or placed in the drop box at the Village Office;
- We now accept credit cards. Please note that a 3% fee will be added at the time of payment to the total paid.
- Online banking through your financial institution (Royal Bank and TD Bank excluded), payment must be received by the Village on or before the final date to be eligible for the discount so please pay 2-3 prior to the due date;
- E-transfers sent to: [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) - It is very important that you reference your account number, property address and what you are paying so your payment is applied to the correct account. The Village is set up as an automatic deposit;
- The Village of Fruitvale has a monthly preauthorized prepayment plan for utilities and property taxes. This is a prepayment plan for next year's utilities and property taxes. Current charges must be paid before the prepayment plan can begin. For more information and details on the preauthorized prepayment plan, please contact Misti at the Village Office.

### WHERE TO PURCHASE GARBAGE TAGS

\*\*Garbage tags can be purchased at these local municipalities and businesses:

Fruitvale: Fruitvale Village Office, Liberty Foods

Trail: Trail City Hall, Ferraro Foods, No Frills, Canadian Tire, McKelvey Creek Landfill, RDKB Office

Warfield: Warfield Village Office

Rossland: Rossland City Hall, Ferraro Foods

\*\*The price is still the same no matter where they are purchased.





Ali Grieve, Director Area A



## Want Increased Access to Our Provincial Parks this Year?

We’ve always cherished our local parks, but the pandemic has made us appreciate them even more! It’s no surprise that our summer and fall seasons now stretch well into late October – how great is that? And no surprise that you want to spend more time outdoors! Covid encouraged many of us to head outdoors, and we embraced it wholeheartedly. We invested in kayaks, canoes, tents, trailers, bikes, boats, and plenty of sunscreen. What good medicine!

In Area A, we’re lucky to have two fantastic Provincial Parks: Beaver Creek and Champion Lakes. Both are well-loved and frequently visited. Last fall, a group of local government representatives met with Ministry staff to discuss extending park opening and closing times after multiple requests from our residents. We felt positive about the meeting, only to be redirected to a park liaison we weren’t familiar with. We have made NO progress with our requests to BC Parks, on your behalf.

You have told us that you are eager for the chance to get outside early and enjoy the incredible natural beauty around us. You don’t want to stay cooped up indoors. We all want to recreate, stay healthy, and be active—both mentally and physically. The RDKB firmly supports your desire for increased access to our parks as residents in the Lower Mainland now enjoy.

That’s why local governments, community groups, and individuals have come together to advocate for our parks. You’ve probably seen social media campaigns and posters around town. The Trail Wildlife Association has set up petitions at locations like Canadian Tire (Trail), Valley Firearms (Trail), the Fruitvale Co-Op, Country Roads, and IDA Pharmacy in Fruitvale. We have strong support from our MLA, Steve Morissette, but we need EVERY VOICE to join the effort.

Please sign the petition OR send emails/ letters to all three contacts below. Cut-off date is APRIL 1st for petition and letters/email. Thank you, and let’s keep pushing for the access we all deserve!

MLA Steve Morissette [steve.morissette.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:steve.morissette.mla@leg.bc.ca)

MLA Donegal Wilson [donegal.wilson.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:donegal.wilson.mla@leg.bc.ca)

Parks Minister Tamara Davidson [ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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**True, North, Strong & Free: Canada has come together with renewed efforts to support Canadian jobs and products – it’s truly inspiring to see our nation united.**



## MARCH

*March, the month of change and expectation*

Catherine Guesford, Deputy Mayor

### The VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE HAS AN ELECTION JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Election Date; Saturday, **April 5, 2025**

Advance Poll: Wednesday, **March 26, 2025**

Chief Election Officer: Patrica Dehnel

Open Positions: 1 position for Mayor and 1 position for Councillor



Elections take a lot of thought and with all the crossroads and intersections along the way you hope you put the right person behind the wheel to run the bus!

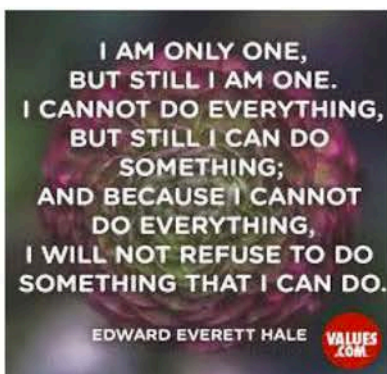
More than ever with everything that is going on in our world, the thought comes to mind:

*"is this the right person for the job for our village?"*

- An Election is a Democratic Process and if the majority of the residents of Fruitvale elect a candidate how can the process fail?
- If you want to make change to how the Village is operated, you should run for office!
- It is **easy** to complain about how you would do things different, don't sit on the sidelines, step up and be counted.
- As this is a by-election, statistics show the *Village of Fruitvale residents* that turn-out to vote will be low, prove the statistics wrong and **GET OUT and VOTE!!**

It has been my honour to serve as your Deputy Mayor, I love our community, trust, communication and collaboration are my main priorities.

I get involved as much as time allows me, I am the Deputy Mayor for the Village of Fruitvale, I sit on the Board of Directors for the Fruitvale Co-op, I am the Vice-President for the Beaver Valley Lions Club, and my husband and I count and reconcile the funds for the Nitehawks hockey games.



After this election, I will return to my elected position as a Councillor for the Village of Fruitvale and continue to serve our community the best way I can.

## **YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR VOTE**



admin@montrose.ca

# Village of Montrose

Office Hours - Monday to Friday 8:30 –noon -  
1:00 – 4:30 p.m. 367-7234

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK & DOWNLOAD THE NEW CITIZEN



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

## RDKB bear bin trade-in program - \*organics only

The bears seem to be waking up earlier and earlier in our area, and the RDKB figured we'd get a head start letting our residents know that we have availability of these bear bins through our green bin trade-in program. These bins cost \$200, which includes GST, and they are a very robust animal resistant bin with a unique locking system. The bear resistant green bins are for organic waste collection only – not for garbage collection. Please visit the RDCK website for more information.

## HELP KEEP THE VILLAGE SQUARE A CLEAN & RESPECTFUL SPACE

Recently, we experienced an act of vandalism at the Village Square building. As a result, the building will now be locked, and access will require a code. If you wish to use the building, please contact the office to arrange access. Please note, there is video surveillance in place.

To help prevent future incidents, we'd like to remind everyone that minors must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the Village Square. This ensures that we can maintain a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment for all.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us preserve the integrity of our community space!

## Problems with a street light?

Is it burned out, flashing on and off or doing something else that's odd. Call the Village at 250-367-7234 to report the issue. We will send in a repair request to Fortis to have the issue resolved. Please have the address and pole# when reporting an issue.



## 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.

For membership information

contact Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685





# Beaver Valley

## SENIORS' LUNCH

### Tuesday, March 18

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, March 11:  
T: 250-231-7260 E: [bvevents@rdkb.com](mailto:bvevents@rdkb.com)



**Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary**



## BEAVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

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



**Bingo Wednesday's at the  
Fruitvale Memorial Centre**



# Is Your Green Bin BEAR Proof ?

Hint: The short answer is..., NO!



## The RDKB has Bear-resistant bins for sale

- Each municipality and electoral area within our Kootenay Region are able to purchase these bins. Distribution of these bins is on a first come, first serve basis.
- Bear resistant bins are not available in the Boundary Region at this time.
- Bear resistant green bins are for organic waste collection only - **NOT** for garbage collection.

## How to Secure Your Green Bin from Bears

- **Note: No Bin is BEAR Proof** it is up to you to secure your organic waste in the same responsible manner you secure your garbage.
- Store your garbage and green bins in a closed, locked garage or shed, even if empty – bins will hold a residual smell.
- If a bin is stored outside, anchor it to a post using a cable so that it can't be dragged away.
- Place bins at the roadside **only on** the morning they are collected – never the night before.
- Take the bin to the curb *every* week, even if you only have a small amount of organics in the bin.
- Put meat, bones, fish, dairy, oils, fat and fruit in your green bin – never in your backyard compost.
- Minimize odours by freezing meat and other smelly food scraps, and don't put them in the green bin until collection day - (use a Bag to Earth® paper bin liner - NO plastics!)
- Keep bins clean.

Don't forget your blue box recyclables – they also smell delicious to bears! Rinse containers and store your blue box inside until collection day.

For more tips on how to make your home less attractive to bears, check out  
**WildSafe BC: [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)**



How do I get a

# BEAR BIN?

## RDKB Bear Bin Trade-in Program - for organics collection

The standard 80 litre green bins distributed to residents free of charge by the RDKB are critter-resistant (to raccoons, rodents, etc.) but not bear-resistant. With this in mind, it's important that you store and manage your bin properly to not attract bears.

**Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee 'certified bear-resistant' green bins are available for purchase through our bear bin trade-in program, for RDKB residents who live in bear-frequented areas and are unable to keep their bins secured:**

- > **Step 1** - Fill out the Bear Bin Trade-In form available at [rdkb.com/greenbin](http://rdkb.com/greenbin) or call us and we will fill it out for you!
- > **Step 2** - You will be contacted by RDKB staff to confirm bin availability and arrange for payment and a pick up date.
- > **Step 3** - Bring your CLEAN 80 litre standard critter-resistant bin to the RDKB Office for trade-in at the pre-arranged date and time.
- > **Step 4** - Pay and pick up your new bin. Trade-in cost is \$200 including GST.

*Note: Once you purchase a Bear Bin, you keep it!  
If you move to another residence, let the RDKB know,  
and take your Bin with you.*

Visit: [rdkb.com/greenbin](http://rdkb.com/greenbin)

or contact us at

[knowwaste@rdkb.com](mailto:knowwaste@rdkb.com)

Tel. [250.368.0231](tel:250.368.0231)





Regional District of  
Kootenay Boundary

# Beaver Valley Recreation

Follow us on Instagram & 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  
March 18,  
April 15, May 20  
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.  
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

## PM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Jodi Ihas  
Thursdays  
(Omit Mar 20, Apr 24)  
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  
Running until March 27, 2025  
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  
(Omit April 24)  
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  
Running until June 25, 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)  
(omit Apr 21, May 19, June 30)  
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  
Running until 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  
 Tuesdays from 10 - 11 am  
 Fridays from noon - 1 pm  
 (omit Mar 18, Apr 15, 25,  
 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

## FITNESS & YOGA for MOMS & BABIES!

Instructor: Abby Verigin  
 Strength & Stretch  
 Mondays  
 March 10 - April 10  
 3:15 - 4:15 pm  
 Montrose Hall  
 \$100 for the series, \$20 drop in  
 A six-week fitness and yoga series  
 designed for moms and their babies.  
 Focuses on postnatal movement  
 and building a strong connection  
 with your little one. Enjoy gentle  
 exercises and yoga poses that are  
 safe, fun and engaging for both you  
 and your baby.  
 Email [absverigin@gmail.com](mailto:absverigin@gmail.com)

## Spring Break Public Skate

Monday - Friday

March 17 - 21

March 24 - 28

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Regular Admission Applies  
 Child \$3.00  
 Adult \$4.00  
 Family \$10.00  
 Skate Rentals \$2.00  
 Skate Sharpening \$5.00



## SENIOR LINE DANCE

Instructor: April Biscaro  
 Learn the basic steps of Country &  
 Western Line Dancing. You do not  
 need a partner. Everyone welcome!  
**Fridays**  
 Running until April 11, 2025  
 10 - 11 am  
 Fruitvale Hall  
 For more information,  
 call April at 921-9733

## NEW YOGA SERIES!

With Abby Verigin  
 \*Payment only through Abby\*  
 \*Not part of punch pass option\*

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.  
 Email [absverigin@gmail.com](mailto:absverigin@gmail.com)

## YIN & PIN

With Abby Verigin &  
 Jessica Trusz  
 Sunday, March 2  
 4 - 6 pm  
 Montrose Hall  
 Join us this evening as we regulate  
 and settle our nervous systems  
 within community. We are offering a  
 nourishing yin yoga practice,  
 followed by ear acupuncture and  
 deep rest. Tea and soup will be  
 provided.  
 Sliding scale cost \$50-\$70.  
 Email [jessica\\_trusz@hotmail.com](mailto:jessica_trusz@hotmail.com) to  
 secure your spot.  
 Limited space is available.



## GLOW SKATE

Friday

March 21

8:00 - 10:00 pm

All BV Youth ages 12-16  
 are welcome to attend  
 for FREE!

## TOONIE SKATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
 Last day is March 13  
 10 - 11 am

## GLOW SKATES

Fridays & Sundays  
 During public skating sessions

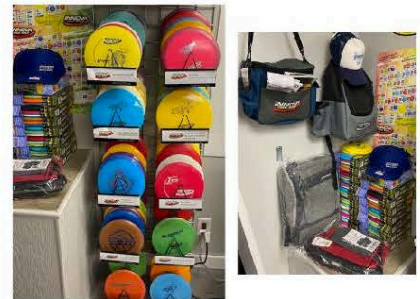
## MARCH PUBLIC SKATING

March 7 6 - 7:30 pm  
 March 9 3 - 4:30 pm  
 March 14 6 - 7:30 pm

## DISC GOLF

At the BV Arena

1777 Green Road in Fruitvale



Beaver Valley Recreation  
[kwalker@rdckb.com](mailto:kwalker@rdckb.com)  
 Text or call 250-231-5172



BEAVER VALLEY

# LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION IS OPEN



**REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 31  
FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING**

**BLASTBALL (ages 5-6) \$110  
ROOKIE (ages 7-8) \$160  
MINOR (ages 9-10) \$180  
MAJOR (ages 11-12) \$180**

**PRICES INCREASE BY \$20 AFTER  
MARCH 31, 2025**



<https://www.traillittleleague.ca/bvlittleleague.../>





**Lower Columbia Softball Association's** registration is open for the 2025 softball season.

We are welcoming all new and returning players from 7-19yrs old.

Take advantage of early bird pricing, available until **February 15th**.  
Registration is open until the ball season begins in Spring 2025.

Follow us on Facebook with pre-season updates.

Register at <http://Trail.rampregistrations.com/participant>.



**BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
bvpublic@telus.net 250-367-7114

**MAR 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Registration Required						1 Vision Board Workshop 2:00-4:00 ages 16 & up
2	3 Stitching Drop-in 1:00-3:00 Tween night 5-6:30pm	4 Mother Goose 11:45-12:30* Tech Help Drop-in 1:00-3:00	5 Afterschool Drop in 2:30-4:00	6 Cursive Writing Workshop 3:45-4:45*	7	8
9	10 Stitching Drop-in 1:00-3:00	11 Mother Goose 11:45-12:30* Tech Help Drop-in 1:00-3:00	12 Afterschool Drop in 2:30-4:00	13	14	15
16	17 Stitching Drop-in 1:00-3:00	18	19 Craft and Movie 1:00-4:00 Spring Break	20	21	22
23	24 Stitching Drop-in 1:00-3:00	25	26 Craft and Movie 1:00-4:00 Spring Break	27	28	29
30	31 Stitching Drop-in 1:00-3:00					



YOU ARE INVITED TO

*The Beaver Valley Skating  
Club's Seasons' Showcase*

**1777 Green Road,  
Fruitvale, BC**

**Saturday, 8 March, 2025  
Starts at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Concession will be open  
**FREE ADMISSION**



# COMMUNITY CONNECT FAIR

Join us for a FREE ALL-AGES  
resource fair to discover  
the low and no-cost  
programs & services in our  
community!



**FRIDAY**

**APRIL 25 2025**

**11:00am - 2:00pm**

8100 TRAIL BC HWY3B  
OLD ZELLERS BUILDING



for more info please contact the  
Trail FAIR Society 250-364-2326



# FRUITVALE

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

### FAQ January 2025

#### **What is the Fruitvale Affordable Housing Project?**

The Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society (LCAHS), Village of Fruitvale, BC Housing, and Columbia Basin Trust have partnered to build a 31-unit affordable rental housing building on a portion of the former middle school site at 96 Deadmarsh Avenue. The three-storey building will be adjacent to the new childcare centre being developed by the Village. LCAHS is the non-profit developer, owner, and future operator of the building. The Village is contributing the land in the form of a long-term lease with LCAHS.

#### **What is the name of the building?**

The name of the building is Blizzard Mountain Place. Suggestions were put forward by the public and the final name was chosen by the LCAHS and the Village of Fruitvale Council.

#### **What are the funding sources for the project?**

The cost of developing these new homes is expected to reach approximately \$17 million. Funding partners include BC Housing, Columbia Basin Trust, Teck Metals Ltd., and Kootenay Savings Credit Union. The project team is working with the BC Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing Commission to access mortgage financing for the balance of the project cost.

#### **Why is the Village of Fruitvale involved?**

As the owner of close to 10 acres of land surrounding the former middle school, the Village is keen to develop this piece of land close to services and Fruitvale's downtown for housing and other community needs. To that end, the Village published a Master Plan in 2020 for the site following consultation with the community. The Master Plan provides a three-phase roadmap for development of the land. The first phase includes development of affordable rental housing, a childcare centre, and private market housing. The Village of Fruitvale does not have a role in the selection of tenants or the operations of the building. Tenant selection will be led by the LCAHS.

#### **Who would live here?**

The target populations for the affordable rental housing are low-to-moderate income families, seniors, and adults living with developmental disabilities. This intergenerational and mixed income approach is designed to encourage a sense of community inclusion. The building will include a play area for children, bike storage, electrical vehicle charging stations, interior and exterior social spaces, and gardening space for those interested in growing a few vegetables.



### **What will be the criteria used to qualify for housing?**

Applicants will need to register with the [Housing Registry](#) and qualify based on income and asset limits set by BC Housing as part of the Community Housing Fund criteria.

### **What are the rental rates?**

The project is designed to provide homes for [low-to-moderate income](#) households with limited assets (apart from registered retirement, education, and disability plan savings). The funding from BC Housing requires rent for 20% of the units be deeply subsidized; 50% will be calculated based on 30% of household income and 30% will be rented at market rental rates.

### **When will the building be ready for people to move in?**

The project officially broke ground in November 2023, with completion and occupancy in late 2025.

How will construction affect the local neighbourhood and immediate neighbours?

The building site is bordered by Mazzochi Park, Columbia Gardens Road, and the new childcare centre. We do not anticipate significant impact on existing houses adjacent to the larger 10-acre “middle school” site. Access to the building site will be from Columbia Gardens Road along a new road named Deadmarsh Avenue. The contractor, North Mountain Construction, will closely manage construction related traffic to and from the site, and work in close relationship with the Village to mitigate impacts on the community. Construction activity, hours, and noise will be subject to restrictions set by the Village.

### **Is the building site a safe location for rental housing?**

Yes. Environmental studies were completed for the site and no issues of concern were identified. The Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment completed for the site also confirmed its safety for residential development.

### **Who and how tenants be selected for the building?**

The LCAHS is responsible for selecting tenants from applications submitted using BC Housing’s on-line Housing Registry: [housingapplication.bchousing.org](https://housingapplication.bchousing.org). LCAHS staff will assist anyone who needs help with this on-line application process.

### **When will people be able to apply for housing at the Fruitvale affordable housing project?**

The Housing Registry application process will open in spring 2025 with review of the applications beginning a few months later. Opening of the online application will be announced on the LCAHS website and the Village of Fruitvale’s social media pages.

### **How do I contact LCAHS with additional questions?**

An information session will be held in the late spring of 2025. Please access the LCAHS website for updates on the project, announcements about the information session and the opening of the on-line application process:

<https://www.lowercolumbiahousing.ca/>



# BEAVER VALLEY CHILDCARE CENTRE

## Position: Early Childhood Educator - IT

### Company Intro:

Exciting Opportunity at Beaver Valley Childcare Centre. Beaver Valley Childcare Centre, which opened in April 2024, provides childcare services for children aged 0 to 5. We are passionate about providing a safe, positive and enriching environment for our little learners and are looking for an ECE-IT to join our team.

### Job Overview:

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated Infant Toddler Educator to join our team. The ideal candidate will possess a strong background in early childhood education and caregiving, with a commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all children. This role involves caring for children, supporting their development, and working collaboratively with families and staff to ensure each child's needs are met.

### Required:

- Available for various shifts between 7:15am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday
- Have a valid ECE IT Certificate
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certificate
- Clear criminal record check
- Proven experience in early childhood education or caregiving is an asset.

If you are reliable, hardworking and have a strong commitment to early childhood education, apply now! Wages starting at \$22.50. Send your cover letter and resume to [bvchildcarecentre@gmail.com](mailto:bvchildcarecentre@gmail.com).





# INCREDIBLE FARMERS MARKET -FRUITVALE-



[incrediblefarmersmarket.com](http://incrediblefarmersmarket.com)



[fruitvalesfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:fruitvalesfarmersmarket@gmail.com)



@fruitvalesfarmersmarket

#fillyourbasket #fifm

## *Easter Market*

SATURDAY, MARCH 29  
10AM - 2PM  
FRUITVALE MEMORIAL CENTRE

2025 is looking to be another busy year for Fruitvale's Incredible Farmers Market, we are excited to share with you the following dates for our upcoming markets where you can support local businesses while stocking your pantry with products that are fresh, healthy and delicious and pick up some handcrafted items while you are there.

**Outdoor Market**  
**Pole Yard Lane**  
**Tuesdays, 3pm - 6pm**

May 13, 27  
June 10, 24  
July 8, 22  
Aug 5, 19  
Sept 2, 16, 30  
Oct 14

**Fruitvale Christmas Market**  
Fruitvale Memorial Centre

Nov 21 - 4pm - 8pm  
Nov 22 - 10am - 2pm

### **Summer Outdoor Markets**

A community staple that supports the **BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program** in partnership with the **Beaver Valley Food Bank**.

### **Specialty Markets**

**Aug 19** - Try-it-Out Market  
**Sept 2** - Zucchini Contest  
**Sept 16** - Try-it-Out Zumba  
**Sept 30** - Pet Contest  
**Oct 14** - Spooktacular

Get these dates in your diary, it is going to be a fun packed year at Fruitvale's Incredible Farmers Market. Further updates will follow.

Interested in becoming a vendor?  
Visit our website:

**[incrediblefarmersmarket.com](http://incrediblefarmersmarket.com)**  
where you will find the online application forms and information for all the Incredible Market locations.

***See you at the end of March!***

**What do we have?**

- Card Games -
- Board Games -
- Video/Party Games -
- Whatever YOU bring 🎮

**BVYAN**  
**GAME NIGHT**



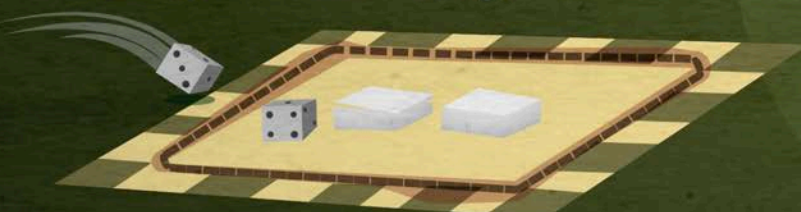
Bring your own, or pick from what we have!

**FREE**  
 (ages 12-18)

**March 7 - 4-7pm**

**Camp Tweedsmuir**

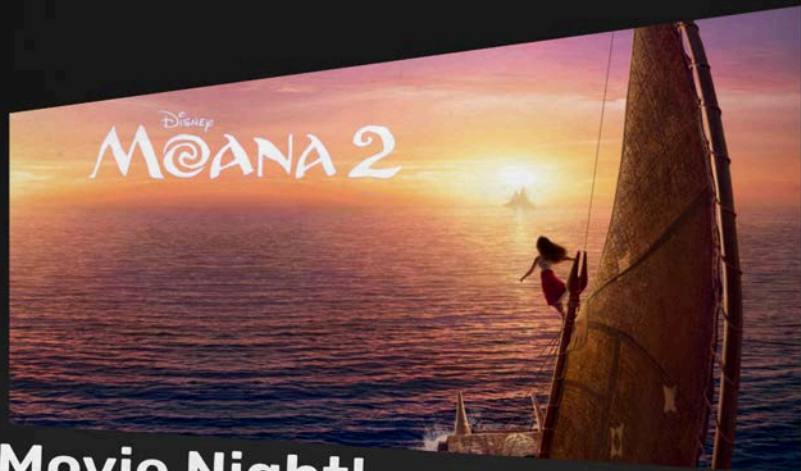
{ Drive down Scouts Rd }  
**Fruitvale BC**



\* Food, Drink, and Treats are provided\*

**Questions? Suggestions?**

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



Disney  
**MOANA 2**

**Movie Night!**

w/ the BV, Trail, Warfield and Rossland YAN

**FREE** ages 12-18

Located at the Royal Theatre  
 March 13, 2025 | 3:30-5:30pm



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

**BV YOUTH**  
**GLOW SKATE**

**March 21, 8-10pm**

Beaver Valley Arena  
 (1777 Green Rd, Fruitvale)

**FREE**  
 (Ages 12-18)



Check out our socials  
 for upcoming events, or  
 join our newsletter!



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# A LEADERSHIP JOURNEY THE FIRST STEPS

Take the first steps of leadership with this fast-paced and engaging journey.

Participate in activities that develop your leadership skills, enhance your communication skills and get you actively thinking about making change in your community.

## REGISTER TODAY!

Network: Beaver Valley YAN

Location: Fruitvale Council Chambers (3-4:30pm)

Contact: Kate Friesen - BVYAN Coordinator

Dates: March 30 April 6

Phone: 250-512-2077

April 13 April 20

Email: beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

April 27 May 4



## March Hours

### Laser Bowling

March 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th

6-9pm

### Regular Bowling

March 2nd, 23rd & 30th

1:30-4:30pm

[info@bvbowlingclub.ca](mailto:info@bvbowlingclub.ca)

\*Hours subject to change

## NON-WORKING STREETLIGHTS

If you notice a streetlight not working in your municipality, please report it to your respective Village Office:

Be sure to include the location of the pole and the pole number.

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



# Free Income Tax Service

## for GREATER TRAIL AREA RESIDENTS

This **free** service is available to low-income individuals who satisfy certain limits and restrictions. No appointments; interviews are on a first-come basis. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the posted closing time.

### **Annual income maximum guidelines are as follows:**

Single person	\$40,000
Two persons in family	\$50,000
More than two persons	\$3,000 for each additional person

Persons with investment/interest income in excess of \$1,000, capital gains/losses, partnership income, rental income, business or professional income, farming or fishing income, bankruptcy, or anyone with complex deductions may be deemed **ineligible** for this service. Also, we are unable to prepare final returns for deceased persons. Other limitations may apply.

If you have a cold, flu or other transmittable infection or disease, please wait to come until you have recovered for the protection of volunteers and other clients.

### **Clinics will run:**

**March 3<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at four locations listed as follows:**

**Monday at Waneta Mall**, where Reitman's used to be. Last interview April 21<sup>st</sup>. Last date for pickup April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday at Trail United Church**, 1300 Pine Ave, Trail. Last interview April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Last date for pickup April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday at the Royal Canadian Legion**, 2141 Columbia Ave, in East Trail, (next to Columbia Glass.). Enter via ramp at south end. Last interview April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last date for pickup April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday at Beaver Valley Senior Citizens Manor**, 24 Laurier St., Fruitvale (across from the Fire Hall.) Last interview April 17<sup>th</sup>. Last date for pickup April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to bring all essential documents and receipts to the interview. We require a piece of government photo ID. If possible, bring your copy of the previous year's return and/or the CRA Notice of Assessment for the previous year. You will be asked to complete a questionnaire that we will use to complete your taxes.

If you are eligible to receive the GST credit or other credits, you **must** file a tax return, by May 1 to ensure timely receipt of quarterly payments which commence at the beginning of July.

Enquiries at Trail FAIR Society 250-364-2326 or [cvitp.trail@gmail.com](mailto:cvitp.trail@gmail.com)

*Please note you must pick up your copy of completed return the following week. Any return not picked up within two weeks of application and filing will be shredded.*

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PREPARATION