



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that everyone had a safe, happy and joyful Christmas and New Year and we welcome you all to the year 2012.

A SHOUT OUT TO BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH

The Beaver Valley area (Fruitvale, Montrose, Beaver Falls and rural Electoral Area A) is a recipient of a Columbia Basin Trust Community Directed Youth Funds grant. This grant is \$25,000 for each of 4 years to provide programs, activities, opportunities or services for local youth. The best part is that youth aged 12-19 will be directly involved in deciding what the grants will be directed toward.

If you are between 12 and 19 and wish to add your voice, please phone the Village Office at 250-367-7551 and give us your contact information. The first youth forum will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 4-8 pm at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall (dinner will be provided) to receive input and ideas to move forward in spring of 2012.

If you have questions, contact Lila at the Village Office by phone or email cao@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

GARBAGE & RECYCLING CALENDARS

Garbage calendars have not been sent out yet, however, garbage and recycling will continue to be collected on a bi-weekly basis until further notice.

South Side **garbage** collection dates for January & February – Tuesday, Jan. 10 & 24; Feb. 7 & 21

South Side **recycling** collection dates for January & February – Thursday, Jan. 12 & 26; Feb. 9 & 23

North Side **garbage** collection dates for January & February – Wednesday, Jan. 11 & 25; Feb. 8 & 22

North Side **recycling** collection dates for January & February – Friday, Jan. 13 & 27; Feb. 10 & 24

REMEMBER: Garbage doesn't go away; it just goes somewhere else. Please do your part to limit the amount going to the landfill – recycle as much as possible.

UTILITY BILLS

The 2012 water, sewer and garbage bills will be sent out in February. A 5% discount will be offered until March 31st on the utility bills as well as from now until March 31st on all packages of 20 garbage bags.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We would like to remind residents that the Village of Fruitvale is no longer accepting Visa or Master Card due to the high service charges associated with the acceptance of credit cards. There are a number of other convenient payment options that taxpayers can use such as:

- Cash (not preferred for personal safety reasons)
- Debit Card (please check in advance that your daily withdrawal limit will cover the payment amount)
- Cheque (we accept post-dated cheques and will process them on the chosen date)
- Money Order or Bank Draft
- Online payments through our monthly pre-authorized payment plan (for additional information please contact the Village Office at 250-367-7551)
- Financial institution mortgage payments.

The Village, in concern for your personal and financial safety, would prefer that the payment not be made in cash if possible.

If you have questions about any of the payment options above, please contact the Village Office at 250-367-7551.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

The Village of Fruitvale would like to inform residents and businesses who have their snow removed with a plow-equipped vehicle (truck, ATV, etc) NOT to push the snow on or across streets. All snow is to be stockpiled on private property.

The practise of pushing the snow across the street is causing extensive damage to our curbs, plows and trucks, not to mention the fact that it narrows the streets creating a very dangerous situation. In the long run this will increase the amount of time that the works crew will take to widen the streets and/or haul the snow away, which in turn increases our taxes for snow removal.

We hope we can count on your co-operation in this matter.

Residents are also reminded to:

- Please obey all traffic signs and warnings when the public works department is removing snow around town; if you drive through "Road Closed" signs you are endangering yourself and our works crew.
- Please have patience with the snow removal; we will get to all the areas that need attention, such as widening and hauling; it will just take some time and some assistance from Mother Nature!
- Make sure there are no vehicles parked along the boulevard during snow removal. Any vehicles impeding snow removal will be towed away at the owner's expense.
- In the residential and commercial areas, snow is

not to be shovelled from the driveway or sidewalk back onto the road. This is in contravention of the Village policy and is subject to a fine.

Any beefs, bouquets and/or questions regarding public works can be sent directly to Public Works Foreman Jason Startup by email at fruitvalepublicworks@telus.net or by calling 250-367-6162.

DOG LICENSES

Is your dog wearing its 2012 dog tag? All dogs in the Village of Fruitvale **must** be licensed. This way, should your family pet be found wandering the streets, it can be returned to you instead of being kept overnight at the SPCA which will cost you additional fines. Cost for a dog tag is \$25 for a spayed or neutered dog, \$75 for an intact dog or \$200 for a dog deemed to be vicious. This is a small price to pay for your family pet. Licenses are available at the Village Office.

2012 UTILITIES AND PROPERTY TAXES

As of January 1, 2012, all unpaid 2011 Utilities and Property Taxes have been transferred to taxes in arrears and are subject to daily interest.

If you have not applied for your 2011 Provincial Home Owner Grant, you are still able to, however you must fill out the required forms and provide copies of documents proving that you live in the home which you are applying for the Home Owner Grant.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The Village of Fruitvale will once again be taking Christmas trees

to the landfill site free of charge. Please bring your tree to the designated area (look for the sign) in the Pole Yard before January 15, 2012. There will be no curbside tree collection. Please be sure to remove all your decorations and plastic tree bag before dropping the tree off. If you prefer to dispose of your tree yourself, the McKelvey Creek Landfill site accepts trees for composting at a nominal charge.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Family Literacy Day has been proclaimed in the Province on Thursday, January 27. Family literacy emphasizes early intervention and prevention with children, at the same time creating opportunities for children and parents to learn together. "The practice of family literacy assists in maintaining literacy skills among people of all ages," says ABC CANADA president, Christine Featherstone. "Families can celebrate this special day by reading aloud, writing a letter, or playing a literacy-related game together."

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Inaugural meeting was held December 5th. At this meeting Mayor Cecchini welcomed the new Council and presented committee appointments and Council portfolios as follows:

Council Responsibilities:

- *To communicate and coordinate with other bodies, and keep Council informed;*
- *To receive and/or initiate comments and suggestions on relevant issues;*
- *To respond with recommendations, referral, and/or communication;*

- To propose appropriate policy;
- To report to Council and staff.

Mayor Cecchini

Appointments

- LCCDT
- LCCDT Tourism
- Youth Engagement Committee – Member
- Community Impact (Waneta Project)
- Highway 3 Coalition
- Greater Trail Mayors & RDKB Directors Committee
- Trail Health & Environment Committee
- Welcoming & Inclusive Communities
- Personnel Committee – Chair
- RDKB - Alternate
- BV Parks & Recreation
- WKBRHDB - Alternate

Portfolios

- Seniors Engagement
- Social Planning
- Health Liaison
- Recreation & Wellness

Councillor Gray

Appointments

- RDKB
 - East End Stakeholders
 - LCI Board (until close of 2012)
 - BV Parks & Recreation (Mayor as Alternate)
 - LWMP Steering Committee
 - Water Board
- WKBRHDB
- East End Governance Restructuring
- Personnel Committee – Member
- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Board

Councillor Kniss

Appointments

- Finance & Budget Committee – Chair
- Attainable Housing Committee (LCCDTS)

- Citizen of the Year Committee Liaison

- May Days Liaison

Portfolios

- Heritage, Culture, Arts & Literacy
- Community Identity, Parade Float

Councillor Prince

Appointments

- Chamber of Commerce Trail & District
- Youth Action Committee (YCDC)
- Youth Engagement Committee - Chair
- GT Youth Justice Society (Council Rep)

Portfolios

- Public Safety
- Recreation & Wellness
 - Active Community & Spirit Events

Councillor Webber

Appointments

- Finance & Budget Committee - Member
- Water Board
- East End Governance Restructuring
- Community Impact (Waneta) – Alternate
- Communities in Bloom/BV Blooming Society Liaison

Portfolios

- Walking Trails
- Spirit Events (ad hoc events)

Next Meeting

Monday, January 9th, 2012

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Village of Fruitvale Council meets on the first Monday of the month for their regular meetings and on the third Monday of the month for their committee of the whole meetings. Both meetings are open to the public. Meeting times are 6:30 pm in the

Council Chambers on the lower floor of the Village Office, 1947 Beaver Street.

The January 3, 2012 regular Council meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, January 9. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Please note that you may check meeting dates online at

www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca/council

OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

A huge thank you to the Beaver Valley Nitehawks and the Fruitvale Fire Department for teaming up with the Village to transform a section of the new Sport Court into an outdoor skating rink. With Mother Nature's cooperation, the rink has been a huge success thus far with a lot of usage over the Christmas break.

Below are some pictures of the rink being enjoyed.





COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY CHEST HAMPERS AND 2011 FUNDRAISING

This year the Community Chest distributed 111 Christmas Hampers including gifts for 85 children. The gifts are always enhanced by the gifts given under the trees at The Kootenay Credit Union and St. Rita's Church and a donation from the Kootenay Toy Run. Again thanks to all those individuals, local companies, schools, churches and local governments who donated time, money and/or gifts. As a result the Community Chest achieved its goal of \$25,000 again this year. It is truly a community effort.

Just a reminder, if you want to double your contribution and you work at Teck, you can make a donation on a monthly basis and **Teck will match it**. Talk to the payroll department to set it up.



Community Members assembling food hampers



Community Chest food hampers

BV BOWLING BANTER

What a great December! We met a lot of new faces and visited with others who have been bowling before at birthday and Christmas parties. Thank you all for utilizing our facilities and if there is any way we can improve our service, please call with your suggestions and we will work to make your next visit even better.

Our first annual Boxing Day Special, on Monday Dec 26, was a complete hit. We were fully booked for lanes by Dec 16. We might need to think of extending the hours for next year. Thank you to everyone who came out with their friends and family for a fun afternoon of bowling.

BV Lanes is very proud to announce that Tessa Anderson, YBC Bantam bowler (10-14 years old) has won the 4-Steps Single Girls Zone Finals in Glenmerry and is moving on to the Provincials in March 2012.

Youth Bowling is still open for any child from the age of 4 to

18 years to join. We are back at it on Jan 3 and would love to see you out with your friends bowling.

We are also looking for individuals who can help out with the Youth Bowling executive. It would be best if you have a child involved in the YBC program but if you just want to volunteer your time we have different interesting and fun jobs to do. (We require a criminal check for all individuals who work with the program.) Call me at the lanes if interested.

Just a gentle reminder, the Variety Children's Charity Telethon is being held on Saturday Feb 11, 2012. We are collecting your unwanted pennies until Jan 25, 2012. We also still have tickets on sale for the draw on the 22" flat screen TV, camera and gift certificate. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Starting Jan 1 we are looking for individuals or teams to collect donations for Variety and in exchange, on Sunday, Jan 29 you drop off your donations and have a free game of bowling with your friends - on us. What a great way to support a good cause and to get together with your friends. Donation forms can be picked up at BV Lanes or I will be glad to drop them off to you. If you do not want to collect donations but would like to make one, please call me at the lanes 250-367-9111 and I will be glad to assist you.

Again this year, BowIBC is answering 120 telephones at Variety on Saturday February 11, 2012 from 7-9 pm. If you are interested in doing this, you must be 17 years of age and over and must make a firm commitment. The event is held

at the Red Robinson Show Theatre in Coquitlam and you must be able to make your own way there. So - if you are going to be in the area during that date and would like to lend a hand, please contact me before Jan. 9, 2012.

Thank you everyone and feel free to call me at 250-367-9111 and leave a message with any concerns or suggestions.

BODY-BASED TRANSFORMATIONAL TRAINING

Presented and delivered by Tai Chi Master and Postural Therapist – Sana Shanti!
SPACE IS LIMITED.

When: Sunday, January 22 from 12 – 4 pm and **Social** from 4-6 pm

Where: Beaver Valley Curling Rink

Who: Anyone and everyone - no previous experience required!

What: Feeling tired, stressed out, or run down? Do you want to improve your overall well-being? Join the club. Join us on January 22.

Cost: \$60 per person. Please arrange payment with contacts below by **JANUARY 10TH** to secure your spot!

Using Tai Chi principles such as postural alignment, profound relaxation, centering, grounding and effortless movement, Sana will lead us through the process of 'learning to let go'. As we learn to let go of physical tension and old holding patterns we open the door for internal resolution of emotional and mental patterns of rigidity. We learn to trust and enjoy the gifts of letting go and surrender, embodying deeper levels of peace and over-all health and

well-being - physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

For more information, please contact:

Ali - 367-6521 or
aligrieve@telus.net

Nori - 367-6281 or 365-3221 or
nshimell@hotmail.com

Sana – 354-4114 or
sanashanti@gmail.com

BV PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Happy New Year one and all from all of us at the Beaver Valley Public Library!

Winter Reading Club

It's back! The winter reading club will **begin January 12th, 2012**. Pick up your reading logbook, keep track of how many minutes you read, bring back by Friday 4 pm each week and you will then be entered to win some awesome prizes. The more you read the more you will be entered to win.

Pre-school Kinder-Hour

9 weeks of stories, songs, games, crafts and more for children aged 3-5. Pre-school Kinder-Hour is held **every Tuesday starting on January 10 to March 6, 2012** from 10 – 11 am at the BV Library.

After-school Hour

9 weeks of crafts, games, movie days and more for kids aged 6-12. After-school Hour is held **every Wednesday starting January 11 to March 7, 2012 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm** at the BV Library.

Mother Goose

Mother Goose, for children aged 0 – 3 years old is back for another 9 week session **every Wednesday starting on January 18 to March 7, 2012 from 10 – 11 am**.

Please call the Library, 367-7114 to pre-register for all children's programs as space is limited.

Teen Book Club

Are you a teen who loves books? Then this is the club for you! The next meeting of the Teen Book Club will be at the BV Library on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

For more information on the Teen Book Club please call Ashley at 250-367-7114.

Library Opening Hours

Mon., Tue., Wed.: 11 am – 8 pm
Thur. & Fri.: 11 am – 5 pm
Sat.: 1 – 5 pm
Sun.: 1 – 5 pm (Nov. to Mar. Only)
(Closed all statutory holidays)

Check us out on the web!

<http://beavervalley.bclibrar.y.ca>

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION

Zumba is still going strong in the Beaver Valley! Join other women in this Latin inspired dance cardio class, instructed by fitness certified April Haws. Zumba has been called exercise in disguise, since you are getting a great workout and having so much fun doing it! A 5 punch pass can be purchased from the instructor for \$50, a 10 punch pass for \$85, a 20 punch pass for \$140 or drop in for \$11. When you buy a 10 or 20 punch card – receive one class free. Use for yourself or give to a friend to try out.
Dates and times: Monday at the Fruitvale Hall from 9:30-10:30 am and 7 – 8 pm, Tuesday at the Fruitvale Hall from 9:30 – 10:30 am, and Thursday at the Montrose Hall from 7 – 8 pm. 2012 classes begin January 9. Changes: No class March 26, March 27 in

Montrose upstairs, no morning class May 21 and June 7 is in the Montrose Hall basement.

Zumbatomic is a specially designed Zumba class for kids! The goal of Zumbatomic is to develop a healthy lifestyle and to incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives, not just a class they attend once a week. The two Zumbatomic age groups are Little Starz 4 - 7, and Big Starz 8 - 12. The next set of classes will begin Monday **January 16 – March 5** and Thursday **January 26 - March 8** at the Fruitvale Hall from 3-3:30 pm (Little Starz Monday \$40 & Thursday \$35) and 3:45-4:30 pm (Big Starz Monday \$48 & Thursday \$42). Please call 367-9319 to pre-register. Since these classes fill up quickly, payment must be made prior to the first class.

Seniors working with photos, instructed by Desneiges Profili, is on Thursday, **January 19** at the Fruitvale Hall. Session 1 is from 9am-11:30 am and session 2 is from noon – 2:30 pm. Working with photos just got easier! This 2.5 hour workshop will cover downloading, editing, saving and emailing photos. Please note that some very basic computer skills are necessary. FREE for all seniors! Register now as seats are limited, only 10 seats per workshop. To register, please contact Desneiges at 364-1275 ext.247.

Chito-Ryu Karate, instructed by Sensei Scott Hutcheson, is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 pm for youth 6+ and 7-8 pm for adult classes, running from **January 9 – February 29** at the Fruitvale Elementary School Gymnasium. Tuesday and Thursday, **March 6 & 8** will be located at the

Fruitvale Hall. Cost is \$48 per month for youth and \$75 per month for adult or youth pay \$90 for the entire 18 classes and adults pay \$150 for the 18 classes. A \$30 association fee for youth and \$50 for adult per year. The instructor is a registered certified Black Belt with NCCP coaching and a member of KarateBC. Please call 367-9319 to pre-register.

Cross Country Ski Lessons, instructed by Gerald Klassen, is on Saturday **January 14** and Saturday, **January 28** at Champion Lakes. Meet at the Trail head and be early! Both classes are from 11 am – noon. Cost is \$10 per class. The Beaver Valley Cross Country Ski Club is offering 2 ski lessons for beginner to intermediate. Call early to ensure your spot! Thank you to the BV Ski Club for waiving the day fee. Please note: If you require rental equipment, it will need to be picked up at Gerick Cycle and Sport on Friday or Saturday morning. Rental cost for each lesson is \$20. To register, call the BV Arena at 367-9319.

Ladies Beginner Belly Dance classes, instructed by Barbara Stang, is on Tuesday's starting **January 10 – February 14** at the Montrose Hall from 6:45-8:15 pm. Cost is \$45 per session. Release your inner Goddess with beginner belly dance classes. Be prepared to embark on a new lifestyle or just have fun dancing. Bring a notebook and pencil if you want to take notes, water and a scarf or veil that fits around your hips. For more information about the classes, please call Barbara at 367-0151 or to register, please call Kelly at 367-9319.

STAB class – Sweat Turn and Burn!, instructed by BCRPA Certified Fitness Instructor

Violet Richtsfeld, runs Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 – 7 pm at the Montrose Community Hall from **January 11 – March 28**. Everyone is welcome to attend a FREE try out class on Wednesday, January 4! This high energy advanced CHAIR aerobic workout is beneficial to all fitness levels, genders and ages. This unique exercise format opens up doors to individuals who are looking for full body cardiovascular workout without straining the joints. A 10 punch pass for \$70 can be purchased or a drop-in fee of \$8 can be paid to the instructor at the beginning of class.

Tai Chi Yang Style, instructed by April Biscaro, runs Tuesdays at the Montrose Hall from **January 10 – March 6** from 9:15-10:30 am for beginners (must have taken beginners part 1 prior to this session) (\$25) and 10:30-11:45 am for Long Form (short form completed first) (\$2 drop in). Tai Chi is a series of gentle moves and balances that require total concentration, leaving you feeling refreshed and quieted. Tai Chi teaches balance and body control while improving your muscle tone. It is an excellent form of exercise, meditation and health improvement for all fitness levels and all ages. Payment can be given to the instructor, or to register, call the BV Arena at 367-9319.

Line dance, instructed by April Biscaro, runs Fridays from **January 13 – April 13** from 10 – 11 am at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. March 30 will be located in the Montrose Hall. Learn the basic steps of Country and Western Line Dancing. You don't need a partner and everyone is welcome! \$1 drop in can be paid to the instructor every week. More for

information please call April at 367-9733.

Tiny Tot Skating Lessons, instructed by Andrea Derksen, is designed for children 3 – 5 years with little or no skating experience. Andrea will encourage your child to skate through fun games and activities. Classes are Mondays & Wednesdays, starting **January 9 – February 1** from 10 – 10:30am or Tuesdays & Thursdays starting **January 10 – February 2** from 9:30 – 10am or Tuesday afternoons starting **January 10 – February 28** from 2:45 – 3:15 pm. The cost is \$36 for 8 classes and includes skate rentals. A parent on ice is not necessary. Please bring a helmet and snow pants. Call 367-9319 to register.

Hot Shots Hockey, instructed by Derek Waterstreet and BV Nitehawk players, is for children ages 4 – 6. Do you have a budding hockey player - a young boy or girl wanting to give the sport a try? We have just the program for you! Hot Shots Hockey is a fun introduction to the sport. No skating or previous hockey experience is necessary. Participants will need full hockey gear. This program will be run by experienced hockey coaches and players and will give your son/daughter the opportunity to get the feel for the game. This program is on Mondays, **January 16 – February 27** from 2:45-3:30 pm. Cost is \$45. Please call the BV Arena at 367-9319 to register.

Toddler Free Time (ages 1.5 - 2.5), instructed by Bethany Yorston and Jourdyne Mason, will be on Thursdays starting **January 26 - March 1** from 4-4:30 pm at the Fruitvale Elementary School Gym. Take

your child to a class just for toddlers. The emphasis is on fun and discovery. This program will keep your toddler active with play, sports and games, including parachute fun, tag, follow the leader, soccer and more. Parent participation may be required. The cost is \$20 per child. Call 367-9319 to pre-register.

Sports Variety (ages 7-10), instructed by Bethany Yorston and Jourdyne Mason, will be on Thursdays starting **January 26 – March 1** from 4:30-5 pm at the Fruitvale Elementary School Gym. Kids - just let the instructors know what you want to play! This program can introduce your child to a variety of different sports and games, including soccer, floor hockey, baseball, basketball, dodge ball etc. The cost is \$20 per child. Call 367-9319 to pre-register.

The **SENIORS' DINNER** will be held on Saturday, **February 11, 2012** at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. Cocktails start at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Join us for a social evening of great food and entertainment. A buffet dinner catered by Geoff and Jeannie Tellier of "Chef for Hire" will get the evening started. Following the meal, sit down and relax or get up and dance to Walter Crockett's "Rusty Nails". Tickets are available at the Village of Fruitvale and Village of Montrose offices. The cost is \$20 per person. Please purchase your tickets by February 3, so we can ensure there is enough interest and to avoid event cancellation. Please call the BV Arena at 367-9319 for more information or to reserve your table.

Friday Night Special Event Skating on January 6 is from 6 - 7:45 pm. Canadian Tire

Jumpstart Night! Admission is by donation of Canadian Tire Money!

Friday Night Special Event Skating on January 13 is from 6 – 6:45 pm. Come Public Skating and then stay to watch the Nitehawks host Kimberly. Kids 12 and under only pay \$5 to attend both!

Friday Night Special Event Skating on January 27 is from 6 – 7:45 pm. Karaoke, hosted by Freaky Frog Sounds! Attention Families: come out and enjoy a night of skating while singing to your favourite songs!

BV NITEHAWKS HOME GAMES

The Beaver Valley Nitehawks final home games of the season are as follows:

Jan. 3	7:00 pm	Spokane
Jan. 7	7:30 pm	Princeton
Jan. 8	1:00 pm	Col. Valley
Jan. 13	7:30 pm	Kimberley
Jan. 14	7:30 pm	Castlegar
Jan. 24	7:00 pm	GF
Feb. 3	7:30 pm	Castlegar
Feb. 11	7:30 pm	Golden
Feb. 12	1:00 pm	Spokane
Feb. 18	7:30 pm	Nelson

The Nitehawks are doing great this season! Show your support and pride for team – come to the games and cheer on the team!!

BEAVER VALLEY SKATING CLUB

In preparation for the Kootenay Championships in Creston on January 20-22, 2012 and the 'Skating through the Years' ice show on March 11, 2012, the Beaver Valley Figure Skating Club is hosting "A Competition Simulation" ice show on **Friday, January 13, 2012 from 4:15 – 5:45 pm** at the Beaver Valley

Arena. The family and friends of the skaters as well as the public are invited to come watch, applaud and enjoy the skaters' efforts!

BV SKATING CLUB ANNUAL BOTTLE DRIVE

The Beaver Valley Skating Club will be holding their annual bottle drive on Saturday, January 7th, starting at 10 am. You may leave your bottles at the end of the driveway for easy pickup. Thanks for your donation.

The Skating Club is raffling off a hockey ticket package!! Winner receives four tickets to the Vancouver Canucks vs. Calgary Flames hockey game on March 31st. Prize includes two nights' accommodations for four guests at the Sandman Inn and \$550 spending money. Tickets are \$20. To purchase a ticket call 367-0040.

The Beaver Valley Skating Club is now accepting winter season registrations. Sessions are one hour on Mondays and Fridays and begin now and run until the middle of March. One month registrations are also available.

Skaters, parents and the executive would like to send a big thank you to Kootenay Savings Credit Union for their Care Wear Donation that was presented to the club last month. Thanks for supporting skating in the Beaver Valley.

PEE WEE REP HOCKEY TEAM BOTTLE DRIVE

The Rossland/Trail Pee Wee Rep team (comprised of players from Beaver Valley, Trail & Rossland) is holding a bottle drive on Sunday, January 15, 2012. Players will be coming door to door to collect your returnable bottles. For your

convenience you can leave your items on your porch or at the end of your driveway. To make other arrangements for pick-up call Dean at 250-367-9871. Monies raised from this bottle drive will be used for various upcoming tournaments.

HARMONICA LESSONS

Are you interested in playing the harmonica but don't know where to start? Have you been trying to teach yourself how to play the harmonica and you're getting frustrated? Well here's your chance to learn to play from a qualified instructor.

Adult and youth harmonica lessons are starting in February. They will be held either Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons. Classes will be small, with a maximum of 6 students. Students will receive a minimum of 5 – 1 hour classes per month. All types of music, Pop, Broadway, Rock, Movies, etc., will be taught. Call Bert Kniss, 250-367-6612 or email b.kniss@telus.net for an information package or to register for lessons.

531 TRAIL AIR CADETS SENIOR CADETS PROMOTIONS

The Village of Fruitvale Council would like to congratulate F/Sgt Jordan Hansen and F/Sgt Cameron Hossack from the 531 Trail Air Cadets on their promotion to Warrant Officer Second Class. Council would also like to congratulate Air Cadets Warrant Officer 2 Class Alex Farnsworth who was promoted to Warrant Officer First Class - the highest rank one can achieve in Air Cadets! Good luck to all of you with your new duties and responsibilities.

CHANGE THE WORLD IDEAS

In the spirit of "new year – new starts – new resolutions", here are a few ideas.....

Use both side of every piece of paper – It's estimated that over 170 million trees are cut down every year for the paper that's used in Canadian offices. If both sides of the paper is used when photocopying, the amount of paper usage could be cut in half. Let's create a culture in which we make it socially unacceptable to use only one side of paper.



Spend time with a child – Read, tell a story, dance, sing, play with blocks, draw, do a puzzle. When kids ask you to play it's because they know something you don't. They know you'll both feel richer for the experience.



Take public transit when you can – A bus carries the same number of people as 50 cars; and it's going there anyway.



Plant something – Plants are amazing things. They take in stuff we don't like (carbon dioxide) and pump out stuff we do (oxygen). But we get rid of these amazing things by the millions every year. In fact, 33 football fields of trees are cut down every minute worldwide. Planting a tree or native bush will not only help redress the balance, it'll also encourage native wildlife back to the area. Not to mention that each tree will provide oxygen for 2 people for the rest of their lives.