


Fruitvale & Area 'A' News



Your Community Newsletter

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2016

 Nominations are being accepted for the 2016 Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms may be picked up at the Village Offices in Fruitvale and Montrose. Completed forms may be returned to either office. **Deadline for nominations is APRIL 8.**

BEAVER VALLEY MAY DAYS

Beaver Valley May Days had a great turn out for the AGM and first planning meeting of the year.




We have some exciting new events this year as well as past favourites. The planning has started for a dance to be held in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on Saturday, May 28th. Watch for more information on this. New for this year is a Mountain Bike Demonstration. Returning events include the Car Show which was a big hit last year as well as the Bike Show.

More volunteers, both individuals and groups are always needed and welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, call 250-367-6549 for more information.

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 16th at 7:00 pm in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Check out our newly revised website at www.beavervalleymaydays.com courtesy of super volunteer Geoff Fontes. (Some pages are still under construction so it may not all be up to date yet.) And don't forget to mark your calendars for Beaver Valley May Days - May 27, 28 and 29!

EARTH HOUR 2016

 LIGHTS OUT FOR EARTH HOUR - the Village of Fruitvale is supporting and encouraging residents to turn off their lights and participate in **Earth Hour** on Saturday, March 19 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm.

Switching off your lights is just one simple action that you can take to help make a difference and it sends a powerful message that we care about our planet.


For more information on Earth Hour, visit <https://www.earthhour.org/celebrating-earth-hour> In 2016 it's expected that millions of people from more than 135 countries will turn their lights off for Earth Hour.

KOOTENAY SOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

Kootenay South Soccer registration is now open for players born between 1998-2011. Early bird pricing ends February 29th. To register, please visit kootenaysouthsoccer.com Coaches are needed for all ages. For more information, please contact Tina at t4baldwin@hotmail.com or call 250.231.4674.



BV LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

 BV Little League Baseball is desperately looking for players (boys and girls) and volunteers for the 2016 season for T-Ball up to Major leagues, ages 5-12 years old. Early bird registration ends April 1st. To register or for more information, please call Jay Startup at 250.364.3800.

MARCH 2016

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP) - FREE TAX SERVICE

CVITP volunteers are available every **Thursday** morning from 9:00-11:00 am at the **Beaver Valley Manor** from March 3 to April 21. Volunteers from this program assist **ELIGIBLE** taxpayers who have low income and simple tax situations to prepare their income tax and benefit return. **ELIGIBLE** taxpayers may include low-income individuals and social assistance recipients, newcomers to Canada, seniors and students.

Eligibility for low-income is determined as follows: Single - up to \$30,000; Couple - up to \$40,000, plus \$2,500 for each child; Single Parent with one child - up to \$35,000, plus \$2,500 for each additional child.

Situations that volunteers may **NOT** assist with include returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses; or individuals with greater than \$1,000 investment income.

For more information, contact Ellen @ 250.367.7465.

FRUITVALE FIRE FIGHTERS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Fruitvale Fire Fighters Non-Profit Society is hosting the 7th annual Beaver Valley Easter Egg Hunt at Haines Park on **Friday March 25th** at **11:00 am**. There will be hot dogs, juice and hot chocolate by donation and over **7,000** chocolate eggs will cover the field for three different age categories: 0-3, 4-7, and 8-12. There will be allergy-friendly chocolate eggs for hunters who can exchange their gathered eggs for peanut-free chocolate and treats at one of the fire trucks.



All items for the 7th annual Beaver Valley Easter Egg Hunt have been donated by these local businesses: Liberty Foods, Kootenay Savings Credit Union, RDKB/BV Recreation, McDonalds, and Magaw Motors. Check out our Facebook group page, "Fruitvale Fire Fighters Society" for more details and information.

For those of you who are not familiar with the organization, the Fruitvale Fire Fighters Society is a non-profit Society officially created in August 2009. Fruitvale Fire Fighter Society Members believe strongly in being active partners within the community we live in. Since January 2006, we have been actively fundraising and supporting individuals and families throughout the Beaver Valley who are experiencing a crisis by donating close to \$21,000 to help cover costs of such things as hotel, food and transportation to Children's Hospital in Vancouver or medical treatments in Kelowna and other medical facilities.

Alternatively, we strive to support a variety of programs through personal members' donations, employee volunteerism, and event sponsorships.

For more info, please contact Rick at 250.367.6111 or 250.367.0035.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUED

2016 SPRING SKATING SCHOOL



The Beaver Valley Skating Club is accepting registrations for the 2016 Spring School skating session which runs from March 2 - April 22, 2016.

Canskate - Monday & Wednesday 3:00-3:45 pm \$75 (A \$32 Skate Canada registration fee is required if not already paid this season)

STAR 1, 2, 3 - Tuesday & Thursday 3:00-3:45 pm - \$90

STARSkate - Monday through Friday

For more information, please call Dominic Verhelst at 250.367.0040 or Lis Iannone at 250.367.7929.

BV BLOOMING SOCIETY

The BV Blooming Society/Communities in Bloom is holding their AGM on **Thursday March 10** at 7:00 pm in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers. Volunteers are needed. Please plan to attend.



BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION

Beaver Valley Recreation has the following programs available:

Yoga, Zumba, T-Ball & Kids Soccer, Chito-Ryu Karate, Zumba Gold, Home Alone, Low Impact Aerobics, Chair Boxing Fitness Class, Tiny Tot Skating, Line Dance, Hot Shots Hockey Spring Break Lessons, Kids Time with Sticks & Pucks.

Cooking without Mom JR. (ages 7-8) - Special Easter class on Tuesday, Mar. 15 from 5:00-6:00 pm at Fruitvale Memorial Centre, cost is \$13.50.



Cooking without Mom (ages 9-14) - Special Easter class on Saturday, Mar. 12 from 12:30-2:30 pm at Fruitvale Memorial Centre, cost is \$27.

Birthday Parties can be booked during any public skating session for \$50. Cost includes up to 12 kids (\$2.50 for each additional child), skate rentals, birthday party room and insurance

Spring Break Public Skating is Mon-Fri, Mar. 14-18 and Mon-Thurs, Mar. 21-24 from 1:30-3:00 pm

Community Garage Sale is Saturday, April 9 at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre from 9:00 am-Noon. Book your spot (\$15) by April 1 by calling Kelly at 250.367.9319

For information or to register for any of the above programs, please call Kelly at 367-9319.

Food Safe - Saturday, April 23 from 9am-4pm in the Beaver Room at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Cost is \$89. For this program only, please call Selkirk College to register at 250.364.5770.

SPRING BREAK IS COMING!!!

Kootenay-Columbia School District 20 schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 16 to March 28. Please take extra care and watch for children on the roads and sidewalks during Spring Break.

BEAVER VALLEY LIBRARY

Spring Break Hour

Come out for game day, Lego day, movie, bowling and more. Kids ages 6-12 - March 14, 15, 21 and 22 - 10:00-11:00 am - March 16 & 23 - 1:00-2:00 pm

Programs are free. Call the BV Library to reserve your spot, 250.367.7114.

Have you ever wanted to learn to speak any of 80 languages? Check out Pronunciator on our website, <http://beavervalley.bc.libraries.coop/>

VILLAGE NEWS

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE UTILITY BILLS

The 2016 water, sewer and garbage bills have been sent out and are due by March 31 in order to take advantage of the 5% discount. If you did not receive a bill, please contact the Village Office ASAP, at 250.367.7551. All packages of garbage bags are also discounted 5% if purchased before March 31.

PLEASE NOTE: There are a few mistakes in the Garbage & Recycling Calendars, which are: Recycling dates are wrong from August onward; August 2 & 3 should be garbage days; Mother's Day should be May 8; and BC Day should be August 1. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

ANIMAL CONTROL

At this time of year we would like to remind dog owners to pick up their dog's feces when out for a walk. Please use the doggie-doo stations, located at Mazzochi Park, alongside the sidewalk at the bridge on Columbia Gardens Road, at the sidewalk on Main Street, at the Columbia Gardens Road entrance to Haines Park, and on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and First Street, to keep our community's sidewalks and parks clean. **Thank you for being responsible pet owners!**



COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Upcoming Meeting Dates - held in Council Chambers:

Monday, March 7 @ 6:30 pm - Regular Council Meeting-this meeting may be rescheduled to a later date

Monday, March 21 @ 6:30 pm - Committee of the Whole

RDKB MEETING DATES

Upcoming Meeting Dates - held in Trail Boardroom:

Tuesday, March 8 @ 4:30 pm - East End Services Committee

Tuesday, March 8 @ 3:30 pm - BV Recreation Committee

Wednesday, March 16 @ 6:00 pm - Committee of the Whole

Thursday, March 10 @ 5:00 pm - Electoral Area Services Committee

Thursday, March 24 @ 6:00 pm - Board of Directors

EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE

The Village of Fruitvale Office & Public Works and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Office will be closed March 25 and 28 for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Happy Easter



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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Trail Administration Office Phone: 250.368.9148

Email: RDKB email addresses are most often 1st initial, last name @rdkb.com (For example Joe Smith would be jsmith@rdkb.com)

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