

Fruitvale & Area A News

Your Community Newsletter



DECEMBER 2016

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRUITVALE COMMUNITY CHEST / BEAVER VALLEY CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM



If you or if you know of a person/family in need of a helping hand this Christmas please contact Doug or Barb at 250 367 6349 or Dorothy at 250 367 6181. The program includes Montrose, Fruitvale, Beaver Falls and RDKB Area A.

Hamper pick up is on December 17th at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre between 10:00 and 11:00am. Please make sure you are on the list before coming to pick-up.

The Community Chest gratefully accepts all donations of non-perishable food items **that have not PASSED their expiry date**. Drop-off boxes are located in various businesses downtown. Food bags to be included in the hampers can be purchased at Liberty Foods

At this time of giving, we ask that residents please be generous to those in need. This program is done in partnership with the United Church Food Bank and any excess is given to them.

On behalf of the Community Chest, we'd like to thank the community for their generosity at this special time of year and wish everyone in the Valley a Merry Christmas!

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN



The Fruitvale and Montrose Community Chest invite you to participate in their 11th Annual Gifts for Children Christmas tree. There will be no tree at the Credit Union this year. Instead, this year **tags for gifts can be found at the Fruitvale Post Office**. Tags can be picked up between November 21st and December 9th and the unwrapped gifts (gift bags are accepted) must be returned to the Post Office no later than December 12th.

Thank you to our residents for your generosity and support to help every member in our community have a beautiful, joyous Christmas.

JINGLE EXPRESS



The Jingle Express will be departing Pole Yard Station on the hour from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday **December 3rd** for a 45 minute ride to the trestle overlooking Beaver Falls and back. There will be hot chocolate and cookies on the train and maybe even a special visit from Santa. Tickets are sold out, however, sometimes seats open up so check with the conductor at loading time.

Thank you to Atco Wood Products for organizing this event and thank you to the other sponsors; without their support, this event would not be possible.

JINGLE DOWN MAIN

Mark your calendars for the annual Jingle Down Main event being held on **Friday December 2nd from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**. Bring the family down to Main Street to kick off the Christmas season.



There will be a variety of food vendors with plenty of food such as hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, perogies, borscht, pizza, popcorn, cookies, hot and cold drinks. The firefighters will have their bonfire to warm you inside and out; Christmas carols will be sung; the kids can visit with Santa at Santa's Village. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with us, therefore the Matterhorn Toboggan Run is cancelled.

Western Financial, on the corner of Main Street and Columbia Gardens Road, will be having FREE warm beverages and goodies during Jingle Down Main! Stop in and say hi! Burgervale and Fruitvale Kitchen will be having dinner specials in their restaurants.

You will also be able to get a jump-start on your Christmas shopping as Country Roads and Fruitvale Pharmacy will be open until 7:00pm for your shopping convenience; Liberty Foods closes at 6:00 pm.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Bring the kids for pictures with Santa and enjoy a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast cooked by the Fruitvale Firefighters and served by the Beaver Valley Nitehawks on Saturday, **December 3rd** from 9:00-11:00am at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Small breakfast is \$3 and large breakfast is \$5. All proceeds are donated to the Fruitvale Community Chest to help with food hampers in the Valley. This event would not be possible without Liberty AG Foods, Fruitvale Fire Department, Beaver Valley Nitehawks, Beaver Valley Recreation, Village of Fruitvale, and the Fruitvale Community Chest. For more information, please call Kelly at 250-367-9319.

FOUND

A necklace/chain was found outside the Fruitvale Community Centre GYM door on November 11th. If this is yours, you can claim it at the Village Office by providing a description of the chain.

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KIDS' CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR (ages 4+) will be on **Monday, December 19**. The Nitehawks bus will pick you up at the Beaver Valley Arena parking lot at 6:00 pm and you can enjoy a ride into Trail to see the best lit spots! Following the tour, Christmas treats will be provided for each child to take home and you can get your picture taken with Santa! Cost is \$5 per person. Children must be 4 years or older. **Pre-registration is a must.** Call 250-367-9319 to register.



SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR will be on **December 20th**. Join the trip around town to see the best lit spots! A bus will pick you up and return you to your pickup location (BV Manor 6:00 pm, Mountainside Village 6:10 pm & Montrose Hall 6:25 pm). After the tour, we'll stop for coffee/hot chocolate & a sweet at the Beaver Valley Manor. Cost is \$5 per person. **Pre-registration is a must.** Call 250-367-9319 to register.



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BEAVER VALLEY UNITED CHURCH FOOD BANK

The Beaver Valley United Church Food Bank Committee would like to give a HUGE thank you and big hugs to Company #6 Firefighters, the Beaver Valley Girl Guides, and all the residents who donated to the six truck loads of groceries and \$428.10 on the night of the Company #6 Firefighters Food Drive! We really appreciate all your hard work to help fill our shelves.

We would also like to thank those people who have purchased Liberty Foods gift cards and who have donated their Liberty Food points for the food bank. If you wish to donate non-perishable food items, the United Church doors are open Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon or food can be dropped off in the blue box just inside the entrance to Liberty Foods. Your donations are greatly appreciated by those in need. **Thank you to Liberty Foods for allowing patrons to donate their points to the Food Bank and thank you to the community for your generosity.**

BEAVER VALLEY BOWLING CLUB EVENTS

The Beaver Valley Bowling Club invites you to come bowling!



Are you looking for a venue for your Christmas party? Look no further because the Beaver Valley Bowling Club is now taking bookings for private Christmas parties.

We will be closed and not taking any bookings between December 23rd to 27th.

For more information or for party and/or lane bookings, please call 250-367-9111 or email us at info@bvbowlclub.ca and be sure to like us on Facebook!



VILLAGE NEWS

SNOW REMOVAL

It's that time of year again for snow reminders:

- Residents are reminded that all vehicles must be removed from boulevards and off-street parking must be provided for your visitors so vehicles do not impede the snow removal process. **Vehicles restricting snow removal will be towed at the owner's expense. Warnings will not be issued.**
- Please do not place plastic or tarps on the boulevard, this is dangerous for our crew and damages equipment.
- Please be aware that the Public Works Department maintains only the portion of Bluebird Road from Highway 3B to Scout Road. The remainder of Bluebird Road is maintained by Emcon Services. Residents may notice that all of Bluebird Road may not be plowed at the same time. Emcon Services can be reached at 250-693-5609 or in an emergency 1-866-353-3136.
- If you move snow from private property onto any street or sidewalk, you will be invoiced by the Village for time spent clearing the snow.

Safety Notes:

- Please keep children safe and do not allow them to play on snow banks next to roads or on windrows in the middle of streets.
- Trucks and plows frequently slow down, turn and back up—please stay well back from trucks and plows at all times for the safety of both you and the snow plowing crew.

Please drive carefully, slow down, use winter tires with good tread, watch for black ice and drive according to road conditions. Let's make sure everyone makes it to their destinations safe and sound. Check out the following website for winter driving tips: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/traveller-information/seasonal/winter-driving>



BV AGE FRIENDLY SENIORS' COFFEE

The **Seniors Coffee** on **Monday, December 12th, 2016 @ 10:30 am** in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre will be the first of their "Live and Learn" sessions. The guest speaker will be Corky Evans who is a noted storyteller and historian who shares his wealth of Kootenay knowledge and colourful experiences with many groups around BC. Middlers and Seniors (ages 50+) are welcome to attend.

VILLAGE NEWS continued

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 15, 2017. 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.

GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES

FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY



South Side: December 6 & 20, 2016 and January 5*, 17 & 31, 2017

North Side: December 7 & 21, 2016 and January 4 & 18, 2017

* Denotes a change from the regular day

RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY



South Side: December 8 & 22, 2016 January 5 & 19, 2017

North Side: December 9 & 23, 2016 January 6 & 20, 2017

2017 DOG TAGS (licenses)



The 2017 dog tags (licenses) will be available for purchase mid-December. All dogs in the Village are required to be licensed. Cost for a license is \$25.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$75.00 for an unaltered dog.

A current year tag on your dog will ensure that it is returned to you if it is found out of your yard. It's a small price to pay for the safe return of your dog.

We would also like to remind dog owners that it is a contravention of the Animal Control Bylaw to allow your dogs to run free. Dogs at large run the risk of being picked up by the SPCA and fines will be levied to the dog owner. Please, for the safety of everyone, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard.

VILLAGE OFFICE & PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY CLOSURES



The Village Office will be closed from December 24th to January 3rd inclusive. We will reopen on January 4th, 2017 at 8:30am.

Public Works will be closed from December 24th to December 27th and from December 31st to January 3rd inclusive.

For emergency matters needing immediate attention, please call 250-367-6162 and your call will be forwarded to Regional Fire Services dispatch in Trail. They will relay your emergency to our on-call employee.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



The Remembrance Day Service was very well attended in Fruitvale with over 800 people at the Cenotaph. A special thank you to the veterans in attendance, WO Stephen Piccolo, OMM, CD, Retired and the armed forces cadets for sentinel duty, the RCMP honour guard, Pastor Bryan Henry, Lt (N) Llorra McTeer for vocals, and the Beaver Valley Youth Club and Beaver Valley Pathfinders for their reading of "In Flanders Fields". Thank you to all those who laid wreaths in remembrance and those who attended the service to pay their respects. Lastly, a big thank you to the South Columbia Search and Rescue for serving refreshments in their hall after the Service.

2016 PROPERTY TAXES AND UTILITIES

All outstanding 2016 property taxes and utilities are due by December 31st, 2016. Outstanding utilities as of January 1st will be transferred to property taxes in arrears and accrue daily interest.

The Village Office will be closed December 24th and will reopen January 4th. For your convenience, we accept post-dated cheques to December 31, 2016. Payments may also be made through online banking, but please allow three days for your payment to be completed by your financial institution. If you are not able to visit the Village Office in person, cheques may be placed in the front entrance mail slot. These cheques will be cleared daily and a final year-end deposit will be made on December 31st.

To avoid interest, all payments must reach the Village Office by December 31st, including those sent by mail.

RDKB AREA 'A' NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

The following meetings are being held in the Trail boardroom in the RDKB building, 843 Rossland Avenue, Trail.

- Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, December 8, 4:30-5:00pm
• East End Services Committee Meeting - Tuesday, December 13, 4:30 - 6:00pm
• Committee of the Whole Meeting - Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm

The above meetings are open to the public. Visit rdkb.com for more information on RDKB Electoral Area 'A' meetings.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary office will be closed from December 24th to December 27th inclusive. The office will open for regular business on December 28th.



Merry Christmas to the residents of the Beaver Valley! May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace; The gladness of Christmas give you hope; And the warmth of Christmas grant you love. From RDKB Area 'A' Director Grieve, Village of Fruitvale Mayor Cecchini, Council Members and Staff

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Kids Time with Sticks and Pucks at the BV Arena is on December 4 from 6:30-7:30pm, December 16 from 6:00-6:45pm, December 17 from 7:00-7:45pm, holidays, December 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3 from 3:30-4:30pm. Bring your child 8 and under to the rink to get some practice with their own sticks. Nets and pucks are provided. Helmet is required and it is \$2 drop in.

Kids vs. Nitehawks - Come play a game vs. the Nitehawks. Full hockey gear is required. \$5 drop in. December 28 is ages 5-6, December 29 is ages 7-8 and December 30 is ages 9-10. Time is 10:00-11:00am.

Drop in hockey (ages 9-14) - December 23, 30, January 2, 3 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Nets and pucks are provided. Full hockey gear is required and it is \$2 drop in.

Adult drop in hockey (ages 15+) - December 23, 30, January 2, 3 from 6:15 - 7:30pm. Nets and pucks are provided. Full hockey gear is required and it is \$2 drop in.

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.

10x Skate punch passes are available for youth, adult and family and can be purchased at the BV Recreation office at the BV Arena. Cost is \$20 for youth, \$28 for adult and \$72 for family. This is a great gift idea for your family member, friend, paper boy/girl or snow shoveler.

Zumba Christmas Special - 5, 10 and 20 pass punch cards are available for purchase for \$50, \$92 and \$172. Receive 1 free class pass with punch pass purchased for a Christmas gift. Promotion offered from December 1 to 23. Passes activated at the first class attended in the new year.

Passes can be purchased from the instructor at class or purchased over the phone with Visa or Mastercard by calling 250-367-9319.

Personal Training Christmas Savings - Health assessment & program design with 3 hours of personal training for \$250 (savings of \$20). Package offered from December 1 to 23. Package can be purchased at BV Arena or contact April Arnot at 250-231-5919.

To register for any of the above programs, please call Kelly at 250-367-9319.

BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

The Beaver Valley Youth Club will be joined by the Beaver Valley Guides & Pathfinders and The Home Team/Fair Realty giving away popcorn and doing other festive activities during Jingle Down Main on December 2nd.

On December 23rd, there will be a Youth Club Christmas Dance. For more information, please contact Tammy at beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com or check their Facebook page.



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Web: www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca **Facebook:** [Village of Fruitvale](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofFruitvale)



CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE - December 24 from 11:30am - 2:00pm.



Join us for our annual Christmas Eve Skating Party sponsored by the Beaver Valley Lions Club! Enjoy a FREE skate to your favourite Christmas carols or relax for a few minutes and enjoy a complimentary hot dog and juice box while you wait for the arrival of our Special Guest (12:30pm!)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE

December 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 from 11:30 to 1:00pm, January 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 from 1:30 to 3:00pm and January 7 from 2:45 to 4:00pm.

We are offering **FREE** skating and **FREE** popcorn at the Beaver Valley Arena during the Christmas Holidays. A big thank you to the Beaver Valley businesses for sponsoring and continuing this special holiday tradition!



DONATION SKATE NIGHT



Come skating at the BV Arena on December 9 from 6:00-7:45pm. Bring a non-perishable food item and get into public skating **FREE!** All food items will be donated to the Fruitvale Community Chest.

BEAVER VALLEY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Time

Mondays
10:00am - 11:00am
Jan. 16 to Feb. 27, 2017

Mother Goose

Wednesdays
10:00am - 11:00am
Jan. 18 - Mar. 1, 2017

After School Hour

Wednesdays
2:30pm - 3:30pm
Jan. 18 - Mar. 1, 2017



CBAL is having a Community Learning Place at the Beaver Valley Public Library the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:00am - 12:30pm. Please feel free to join us if you need any computer help. Bring in your laptop or other devices like a iPad.

Library hours for the month of December:

Closed - Dec. 24, 25 and 26
Regular hours - Dec 27, 28, 29 and 30
10:00am - 2:00pm - December 31

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The local Alcoholics Anonymous group meets every Sunday night at 8:00 pm in the St. Andrews Anglican Church. Feel free to stop in, they are there for you. For more information, please contact Marty at 250-367-6325.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

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