



FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS

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Keeping the Community Informed

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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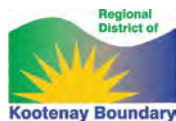
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BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2017



Nominations are being accepted for the 2017 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 10th.**

EARTH HOUR 2017

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 25th** from 8:30 to 9:30pm. 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. In 2017 it's expected that millions of people from more than 135 countries will turn their lights off for Earth Hour. For more information on Earth Hour, visit <https://www.earthhour.org/celebrating-earth-hour>



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP)

CVITP volunteers are available every Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00am at the Beaver Valley Manor from March 2 to April 27. 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.

BV LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION



BV Little League Baseball is desperately looking for players (boys and girls) and volunteers for the 2017 season for T-Ball up to Major Leagues, ages 5-12 years old. Early bird registration ends April 1st. To register call or text Andrea Buckland, 250-512-7418, or for more information on the league, call Jay Startup, 250-364-3800.

BEAVER VALLEY SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Beaver Valley Softball registration is open to players, ages 7-19 years old. Early bird registration ends March 15th; deadline to guarantee a spot is April 1st. For more information or to register contact Rebecca at 250-367-0064.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS



**BV May Day
Committee
Meeting
Monday March 13th
7:00 pm
in the Village of
Fruitvale Council
Chambers**

**Beaver Valley and the
Pend d'Oreille
Historical Society
Meeting
Thursday, March 2nd
11:00 am
at the
Beaver Valley Library**



**Montrose Village Office
Fruitvale Village Office
Credit Union in Fruitvale**

*Your
stories live here!*

*View the Beaver Valley
and Pend d'Oreille
Historical Society's
displays in the locations
listed in the above*

BEAVER VALLEY MAY DAYS



Beaver Valley May Days had their AGM and first planning meeting of the year. Welcome and thank you to Bryan Henry who has volunteered to be a new Director for BV May Days.

Courtesy of super volunteer Geoff Fontes, May Days has a brand new website, www.beavervalleymaydays.com (Some pages are still under construction so it may not all be up to date yet). The May Days Society is looking for an assistant for Geoff. If you have experience with web sites and/or social media and would like to volunteer you can email bvmaydays@gmail.com

More volunteers are welcome, both individuals and organizations. If you have two hours to spare over May Days weekend, the Society would love to hear from you.

The May Days Society is looking for people to help with set up on the Thursday evening and Friday morning, take down on Sunday afternoon and adults to help run the Kiddie cars. If these don't appeal to you, there are many other areas you can help. Call 250-367-6549 or email for more information. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend the BV May Days meetings. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Beaver Valley May Days - May 26, 27 and 28!

BEAVER VALLEY SKATING CLUB - 2017 SPRING SKATING SCHOOL

The Beaver Valley Skating Club is accepting registrations for the 2017 Spring School skating session March 27 - April 28, 2017.

Canskate - Monday & Wednesday 3:00-3:45 pm \$95
(Group Instruction) 9 sessions

Canskate Enrichment to Star 3 - Tuesday & Thursday 3:00-3:45 pm - \$115
(Group Instruction) 10 sessions

STARSkate - Monday through Friday - Star 1-4 from 3:45 - 5:45pm; Star 5 & up from 6:00 - 8:00pm

For more information, please call Robyn Batch 250-367-9567 or Mandy Paulsen 250-231-5775.

BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Sign up for some **FREE** Spring Break fun at the Beaver Valley Public Library. There will be crafts, Lego day, movie and more. For ages 6-12 years old.

Week 1 - March 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2017 **Week 2 - March 15 and 22, 2017**
10:00-11:00 am **1:00-2:00 pm**

Please call the Beaver Valley Public Library at 250-367-7114 to sign up for our free programs.

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) is holding their Community Learning Place at the Beaver Valley Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. A Community Learning Place is a place where adults can drop-in to get help with basic computers, reading, writing, math, English language, test preparation, skills upgrading and citizenship. Bring your laptop or other iPad with you.

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Seniors Line Dance - Fridays 10:00-11:00am, \$1 drop, Fruitvale Hall

Zumba Gold - Tuesdays 6:10-7:10 pm, Montrose Hall

Kids Zumba - Mondays, April 3 - May 15 (omit Apr.17) 3:05-3:35pm (ages 4-6) \$30 and 3:45-4:30 pm (ages 7-11) \$36, Fruitvale Hall

Box Kick Strength - Saturdays, current session running until March 11 9:30-10:30 am, Tae Kwon Do Gym

Beginner Guitar Lessons - Wednesdays, current session running until March 29 from 5:45-6:45 pm (ages 8-13) and 7:00-8:00 pm (ages 14+), Montrose Hall basement



SPRING BREAK IS COMING!!!

The Kootenay-Columbia School District No. 20 schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 13 to March 24. Please take extra care and watch for children on the roads and sidewalks during Spring Break.



Ticket Prices: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

First Prize

Artisan Quilt
Handcrafted \$350 value

Second Prize

Artisan Blanket/Throw
Woven Mohair \$250 value

Third Prize

Artisan Lamp
\$75 value

Draw Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 1:30 pm

Get your tickets from committee members or at Village of Fruitvale office

Fruitvale Memorial Centre, 1968 Main Street, Fruitvale, BC

Product Sourcing: 604-293-4889/1-800-761-1111. www.beavervalleyyouthclub.com. Photo: Lisa Smith, JRM, 2016/11/13

YOU ARE INVITED

Beaver Valley Age Friendly invites Beaver Valley Middle-aged (ages 50-70) to our Pop Up Bistro Wine & Cheese evening at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall
POP UP ANYTIME BETWEEN 7:00-10:00pm
(an event ticket is required to enter)

WINE & CHEESE

POP UP BISTRO

FRIDAY MARCH 24

7:00 - 10:00 PM

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL CENTRE

COMPLIMENTARY APPETIZERS
TOSSER AND
(WINE, ONLY WINE/NO BREAD)
ENTERTAINMENT

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE OFFICE
- FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
- ONLY \$500 TICKETS AVAILABLE
- MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER

Definition:
Middle-aged person
in mid-life position

A MIDDLE-AGED
LADY IS FINE, WE
GIVE BETTER
WINE AWARDS

A Beaver Valley Age Friendly Event
For more information contact Vicky Reppe
700-887-7334 or 700-851-8079
vreppe@bva.ca

Realistic Pencil Drawing – Mondays, February 27 – March 27, 5:30-6:30 pm (ages 6-7), 6:30-7:30 pm (ages 8-13) and 7:30-8:30 pm (ages 14-adult), \$55, Montrose Hall

Zumba - Mondays at the Fruitvale Hall & Thursdays at the Montrose Hall from 6:45-7:45 pm

Chito-Ryu Karate – Mon/Wed at FES Gym from 5:30-6:00 pm (ages 5-7), 6:00-7:15 pm (ages 8-12) and 7:15-8:30 pm (ages 13-adult) and Saturdays at the Fruitvale Hall from 10:30-Noon

Personal Training – April Arnot is offering 1 on 1, pairs and small groups of 3-4 people at the Tae Kwon Do Gym. Seniors 65+ receive a 5% discount. If you have any questions, please contact April at (250) 231-5919

The "Gym" - Book your private training sessions at the Fruitvale Seniors Gym with Certified Personal Trainer Penny Walton. She has been in the fitness industry for over 20 years and is CPR/First Aid/AED certified. She can develop a program specified to your needs and show you how to use the gym equipment safely. There are multiple packages available for the 1 hour sessions.

Kids Time with Sticks and Pucks - Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 from 6:30-7:45 pm at the BV Arena. 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.

Spring Break Public Skating - Monday-Friday March 13-17 & 20-24 from 1:30-3:00 pm.

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.

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

BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

Twenty-two (22) youth from the Beaver Valley Youth Club (part of the Columbia Basin Trust Youth Network) and Beaver Valley Pathfinders completed a Canadian Red Cross Emergency First Aid CPR Level A training course at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on February 16 and 17, 2017.



The Youth are building on their leadership skills and resumes and fundraised to cover the costs of the training. The group appreciates the generous donation from Columbia Power in support of their training initiative.

We would like to give special thanks to Columbia Power Corporation and Crowsnest First Aid and Safety Training for this exceptional training opportunity.



Beaver Valley Youth Club will be hosting a Youth Swim at the Trail Aquatic Centre on Thursday March 2 from 6:00-9:00pm. Please register with Tammy at beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Also planned for March will be a Pottery Class during Spring Break as well as the monthly Book Club meeting. Check out the Facebook page for more information and dates of these events.

BV Youth Club Are you interested in being part of the Beaver Valley Youth Club but don't know how to join? It's easy! Check out our [Facebook](#) page at [Beaver Valley Youth Club](#) and email Tammy Gallamore, Youth Co-ordinator at beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com or communications@village.fruitvale.bc.ca We have a number of fun activities as well as volunteer and learning opportunities for youth aged 12-18 – we hope you will join us!

**UPCOMING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MEETINGS**



Village Council

Council Meeting

Monday, March 6

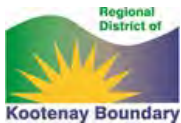
@ 6:30 pm

**Committee of the
Whole**

Monday, March 20

@ 6:30 pm

**Above meetings held
in Council Chambers**



**Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary**

**BV Recreation
Committee**

Tuesday, March 14
12 Noon

**East End Services
Committee**

Tuesday, March 14
4:30 pm

**Committee of the
Whole**

Wednesday, March 15
6:00 pm

**Electoral Area
Services Committee**

Thursday, March 16
4:30 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 21
6:00 pm

**All above RDKB
meetings will be held
in the RDKB Trail
Boardroom**

Beaver Valley Dynamic Aging Society

The Beaver Valley Dynamic Aging Society is holding an artisan raffle to raise funds for seniors' programming. Tickets are available at the Village of Fruitvale office during regular office hours. Pickup your tickets today! *Thank you to our local artisans for their generous donations for the raffle.*



Beaver Valley Age Friendly for Middlers

Beaver Valley Age Friendly is hosting a Pop Up Bistro Wine and Cheese evening for Middlers (age 50-70) on Friday March 24 from 7:00-10:00pm at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. There will be complimentary appetizers, coffee and tea, a toonie bar offering wine, beer and cider/coolers, and entertainment. Tickets are required for this event as there is a 200 person limit. Tickets can be picked up on a first come, first served basis, at the Village of Fruitvale Office beginning March 6th. Due to the limited number of tickets available, we ask that you only pick up tickets that you will use. If you pick-up a ticket and decide not to go, please return it. If you would like more information on this 'Middlers' event, please contact Vickie at 250-367-7124.

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WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE UTILITY BILLS

The 2017 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 31st.

Accepted forms of payment are debit, cash, cheque, internet banking, and post-dated cheque. The Village of Fruitvale has a preauthorized payment plan for utilities and property taxes. For more information and details on the preauthorized payment plan, please contact the Village Office.

ANIMAL CONTROL

There is NO poop fairy! 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, on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and First Street and in the Vale Park to keep our community's sidewalks and parks clean.

Now is the time to purchase your dog license (tag) if you haven't already done so. Cost is \$25 for an altered dog or \$75 for an unaltered dog.

Thank you for being responsible pet owners!

OUTDOOR RINK

We would like to send a huge thank you to Lawrence Brown and Rick Johnston for their volunteer efforts keeping the outdoor rink in perfect condition for the community's use. We would not be able to offer this outstanding outdoor rink without the volunteer hours these two put into it.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice any street lights not working properly, please make note of the number and/or location of the pole and what the defect is then report it to the Village Office at 250-367-7551. Staff will ascertain whether or not the pole is located within the Village of Fruitvale boundaries then report it to FortisBC.

Please note: FortisBC does not accept any reports of non-working street lights from the public.