



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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THANK YOU TO FRUITVALE FROM MAYOR NELSON



A very big thank you to all of you who have worked with us over the last many years, have told us how you felt about things and have helped us to do the best we could for Fruitvale - and with your tax dollars!

A huge thank you to staff and our Public Works crew for their commitment and untiring efforts on your behalf.

Congratulations to the incoming Council. I know they can expect and look forward to your continued support and constant feedback about your interests and concerns.

It has been a privilege to be your Mayor. Best of luck to all.

INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Inaugural Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. Council meetings are open to the public.

Your new Village of Fruitvale Council is as follows:

Mayor Patricia Cecchini
Councillor Larry Gray
Councillor Bert Kniss
Councillor Jill Prince
Councillor Tabatha Webber

2011 PROPERTY TAXES AND UTILITIES

All outstanding taxes and utilities are due **December 31st, 2011**. All unpaid balances as of December 31st will be transferred to taxes in arrears and will be subject to daily interest. As the office will be closed between Christmas and New Years, we will

accept cheques post-dated to December 31st or you may leave your payment in the mail slot at the main door entrance. **All payments must be in the office by December 31st, including those sent by mail.**

2012 DOG TAGS (licenses)



The 2012 dog tags (licenses) are now available. Cost for a license is \$25.00 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$75.00 for an intact dog.

Should your dog be found at large in the community, a current year dog tag on its collar will ensure that it is returned to you. All dogs in the Village of Fruitvale **ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID LICENSE.**

REMEMBER: Your dog must be confined to your yard, either on a leash or behind a fence. Any dog found running off its property may be picked up by the SPCA. Also, all dogs are required to be on a leash and in the care of a competent person when being walked.

If you notice a dog running at large, please contact the SPCA, 250-368-5910, **AT THE TIME** you encounter the dog running at large.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Residents are reminded that all vehicles must be removed from boulevards and you must provide off-street parking 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 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. Because of this, 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.

Please make sure you have your winter tires on your vehicle and use caution while travelling the roads this winter; 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.

GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES

South Side: Tues. Dec. 13 & 27

Special Collection Day: Jan. 3

North Side: Wed. Dec. 14 & 28

Special Collection Day: Jan. 4

RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

South Side: Dec. 1, 15, & 29, 2011
Jan. 12 & 26, 2012

North Side: Dec. 2, 16, & 30, 2011
Jan. 13 & 27, 2012

CBT COMMUNITY DIRECTED YOUTH FUNDS

The Village of Fruitvale, in partnership with the Village of Montrose, Electoral Area 'A' RDKB and Columbia Youth Development Centre (YCDC) will be one of the pilot projects selected by Columbia Basin Trust under the Community Directed Youth Funds (CDYF) Program.

The intent of the program is to increase local activities, opportunities

and/or services for youth ages 12 to 19. CDYF will commit \$100,000 to communities and their catchment areas over a four-year period (normally \$25,000 per year) specifically to enhance local opportunities and/or services targeted at youth. Local Beaver Valley youth will agree on the projects or programs to be developed with the CBT funding.

If you are between the ages of 12 to 19, live in Fruitvale, Electoral Area A, Beaver Falls or Montrose and wish to participate in this program, please call the Village Office at 250-367-7551 and leave your name and contact information. We anticipate the first focus session to be held in January 2012.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

The Village of Fruitvale will once again be taking Christmas trees to the landfill site 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, 2012. **There will be no curb-side tree collection.** Please be sure to remove all your decorations and plastic tree bag.

If you prefer to dispose of your tree yourself, the McKelvey Creek Landfill site accepts trees for composting.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

We would like to thank Pastor Kent Maddigan, RCMP Cpl. Joe Stochmanski, Warrant Officer Stephen Piccolo OMM CD Retired, Tracey Johnston, and Libby Nelson for their involvement in the 2011 Remembrance Day Service in Fruitvale.

There were a few wreaths left at the cenotaph. The Village picked them up and brought them to the Village Office. If you left your wreath and would like it back, please pick it up at the Village Office as soon as possible.

Residents are also advised that an official dedication of the new cenotaph will be held in the spring

when the final touches are completed.

Council Highlights

November Council Highlights by Councillor Larry Gray

Here are some of the items dealt with by Village Council at meetings in November. For more detail, please check out the Council meeting minutes posted on the Village website www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Presentations and Awards

Council meeting on Nov. 7 began with a presentation to Holly Gordon and Corinne Grayson from the Beaver Valley Blooming Society for the 5 Blooms Award, the highest community honour in the 2011 Communities in Bloom competition. A special CIB banner will be displayed downtown.

Recognition was also given to Fruitvale's Chris Kissock and members of the Canadian Men's Baseball team for their gold medal at the 2011 Pan Am Games.

Mayor Nelson reported out on an application to CBT for youth funding for the Beaver Valley (\$25,000 each year for 4 years has now been announced).

A forum for Attainable Housing was held in October in Fruitvale, and information from this and other meetings in the area will be used to develop an action plan for the Lower Columbia.

As this was her last formal Council meeting, Mayor Nelson then thanked the Council members for their achievements and commitment to Fruitvale over the past three years.

And Thank You Libby!

At this point in the meeting, Councillors presented Mayor Nelson with a commemorative picture representation of a Fruitvale lamp post and hanging basket. Mayor Nelson was applauded for her 15 years of service as Mayor, and for her many accomplishments for our Village. We will be planning a community party in early 2012 to recognize our long serving Mayor.

Councillor Cecchini reported on the plans for this year's "Jingle Down Main", the Cenotaph Project, and the plans for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

Councillor Gray provided information from the following meetings: Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC), RDKB Board and committee meetings. RDKB will be working with partner groups to prepare an action plan in response to the Airport Master Plan created by SNC Lavalin consultants. RDKB grants-in-Aid courtesy of Ali Grieve, Director of Area A: Cenotaph Project- \$1500, Jingle Down Main - \$1000, Trail Horsemen's Society - \$5000.

Councillor Webber requested and was granted approval to incorporate the Heritage Walk plan into the Mountain Side Walkway project. Councillor Webber also provided an update on Water Board initiatives, conservation projects, infrastructure maintenance and upgrades, water treatment plant access and bylaws to define the relationship with the RDKB.

In addition, Councillor Webber reported on Amalgamation Study meetings held with Montrose and Area A in October, with a final consultant report to be tabled later this calendar year.

CAO Cresswell spoke to her report, highlighting Hillcrest Ave. project completion, Haines Park concession for 2012, and possible advertising in the "Trail Visitors' Choice" tourism book (Council decided not to participate, preferring the locally produced "Go and Do" booklet).

Other items included an update on cemetery fencing, sewer operational upgrades required by the Ministry of Environment which will cost about \$1.3 million to be spread over a number of years, and a comprehensive Public Works report detailing an impressive list of achievements for the Village over the summer-fall seasons. Letter of thanks sent from Council to Public Works employees for jobs well done.

Other Items:

- Official Cenotaph Dedication Ceremony will be held in spring 2012
- Proclamation of Adoption Awareness Month in November
- Owners of properties with non-compliant temporary shelters will be notified that these structures may remain in their present locations pending a bylaw review in 2012
- Mr. Lloyd Girardo has been named as the volunteer community representative for the Local/Technical Advisory Committee for the RDKB Liquid Waste Management Plan
- Leather and Steel has been granted a development permit variance to permit faced construction and signage for an Old West theme
- Final adoption of the Official Community Plan

Special Council Meeting and Committee of the Whole - Nov. 23

- Council authorized expenditures up to \$1500 for creation of an outdoor rink at the SportCourt, dependent on community partner assistance
- Application going forward for a Seniors' Activity Coordinator through provincial Age-Friendly Community Planning Grants Program
- Minutes tabled from RDKB: extended Transit service approved to increase runs from Trail to Fruitvale at end of regular workday and one evening per week (e.g., Friday - 9:30 departure) to start in early March. Costs minimized by consolidating existing bus runs and by BC Transit funding
- Donation of satellite telephone to South Columbia Search and Rescue

Next Council Meeting: Dec. 5 (inaugural meeting)



The Village of Fruitvale Council, Patricia, Larry, Bert, Jill and Tabatha, would like to extend their best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS OFFICIALLY BEGINS IN FRUITVALE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2011 WITH EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND INTO THE EVENING!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The annual Breakfast with Santa is being held on **Saturday, December 3rd, 2011** from 9 am to 11 am at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. Bring the kids for pictures with Santa and enjoy a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast cooked by the local firemen and served by the Beaver Valley Nitehawks. Small breakfast \$3 and large breakfast \$5. All proceeds will be donated to the local 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, the Village of Fruitvale and the Community Chest. For more information, please call Kelly with the Beaver Valley Recreation Department at 367-9319.



JINGLE DOWN MAIN

Kicking off the Jingle Down Main activities on **Saturday, December 3rd** is the Jingle Express train ride to Beaver Falls with departures at 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, and 2:30 pm. We'd like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support with donations of non-perishable food items and gifts for the Community Chest Christmas Hampers. (Tickets are sold out)

At **4:00 pm**, bring the kids to the showing of "*The Smurfs*" at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. To continue building the Christmas Hampers, we are asking each person attending to bring with them a non-perishable food item or new toy donation (in lieu of an entrance fee). Each person in attendance will receive a free popcorn and juice.

From 5:30 - 8 pm the activities on Main Street begin! Main Street will be closed to traffic and food

vendors will be on-site serving up some delicious eats.

You'll also have a chance to pick up some great deals at our local businesses.

Stop by the Pole Yard to warm up around the Fruitvale Firefighters bonfire and enjoy have a hot dog and cup of hot chocolate while listening to the Adult and Children Choirs singing on Main Street and much more!

New this year - Bring the kids to "Santa's Village"! Santa will be there to visit with the children and have his picture taken with them. He can't wait to hear all their Christmas wishes. There will be other activities for the kids in Santa's Village. It's a must to visit.

We would like to thank the following individuals and groups for helping make Jingle Down Main possible:

Columbia Power Corporation
International Railway Systems
Atco Wood Products
Company No. 6 Fruitvale Volunteer Fire Department Members
Ali Grieve, Director RDKB Area 'A'
Kootenay Savings Credit Union
Dr. Greg Barrett
Dr. Jill Sibbald
Falkins Insurance
Valley Petro Canada
Beaver Valley Rotary Club
Mike & Sandy Calder
BV Minor Hockey
Fruitvale Elementary School/Debbie Korn's music class
The Coyote Club Singers
Alliance Church Children's Choir
Santa & his Helpers

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Do you or someone you know need a helping hand this Christmas? The Fruitvale Community Chest Christmas Hamper Program will once again be available this season. Please call Doug or Barb at 250-367-6349 to book your hamper. Hamper pick up is on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall so get your name to them early.



Liberty Foods has graciously prepared food bags, according to the list provided by the Community Chest, to be purchased and donated to the Christmas Hampers. Bags may be purchased at the checkouts at Liberty Foods then placed in the large hamper box located at the entrance to Liberty Foods. This bag system makes it a little easier on the people sorting out the hamper boxes. The Community Chest gratefully accepts all donations of non-perishable food items and there are drop-off boxes in various businesses in town. During this season of giving, we ask that residents please be generous to those in need.

The Community Chest would like to thank the community for their generosity at this special time of year!

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN



The Fruitvale and Montrose Community Chest invite you to participate in their **9th Annual Gifts for Children**

Christmas tree at Kootenay Savings Credit Union. Beginning December 1st, you can pick a card with the age and gender of a child in our Community and replace it with an unwrapped gift for that child (gift bags are ok). Gifts must be brought to KSCU by December 9, 2011.

Thank you to Kootenay Savings Credit Union for the use of their beautiful Christmas tree for this event.

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

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION

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 Tuesdays & Thursdays starting **Dec. 1 – 20** from 9:30 – 10am or Mondays & Wednesdays, starting **Dec. 5 – 21** from 10 – 10:30am. The cost is \$27 for 6 classes and includes skate rentals. A parent on ice is not

necessary. Please bring a helmet and snow pants. Call 367-9319 to register.

Christmas is just around the corner! Need a gift idea for your wife, daughter, mother, sister or grandmother? **Give the gift of fitness with ZUMBA!** 10 and 20 pass punch cards are available for purchase for \$80 and \$140. The pass will be activated on the first day the recipient comes to class or, if they already have an active punch card, the new pass will begin after the current one is completed. Passes can be purchased from the instructor at class sessions: Monday's at the Fruitvale Hall 9:30-10:30am or 7-8pm, Tuesday's at the Fruitvale Hall 9:30-10:30am or Thursday's at the Montrose Hall from 7-8pm. Gift passes can also be purchased over the phone with Visa or Mastercard by calling Kelly with Beaver Valley Recreation at 367-9319.

Friday Night Special Event Skating on December 2 is from 6:00 - 7:45 pm. In lieu of admission, please bring a non-perishable food item and skate for FREE! All food items will be donated to local charity.

Friday Night Special Event Skating on December 9 is from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Come skating then stay to watch the Nitehawks host Spokane at 7:30 pm. Children 12 and under pay \$5 to attend both!

Friday Night Special Event Skating on December 16 is from 6:00 – 7:45 pm. Wear red or green and receive a FREE bag of popcorn!

Christmas Holiday Public Skating:

Bring your family skating at the Beaver Valley Arena during the Christmas Holidays. We are offering **FREE** skating from December 19 - 30.



Skating dates and times:

December 19 & 20	1:30–3 pm
December 21 & 22	1:30–3 pm & 6:30–8:30 pm
December 23	11 am–2 pm
December 27	1:30–3 pm & 6:30–8:30 pm
December 28	1:30–3 pm
December 29, 30	1:30–3 pm

A big thank you to Beaver Valley businesses for sponsoring and continuing this special holiday tradition!

BV NITEHAWK DECEMBER HOME GAMES

Dec. 3 VS Fernie @ 7:30 pm
Dec. 9 VS Spokane @ 7:30 pm
Dec 13 VS Grand Forks @ 7 pm
Dec. 18 VS Nelson @ 1 pm
Dec. 29 VS Castlegar @ 7 pm

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

On Tuesday, December 20th join us for a trip around town to see the best lit spots! A bus will pick you up and return you to your pickup location (BV Manor, Mountain Side Village & Montrose Hall). After the tour, there will be a stop at the Beaver Valley Manor for coffee/hot chocolate and a sweet. Cost is \$5 per person. Thank you to the Nitehawks, Ferraro Foods and BV Recreation for sponsoring this annual event. **Please call Kelly at 367-9319 to pre-register as spots fill up quickly!**



KIDS CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

The Kids Christmas Light Tour will be on Wednesday, **December 14**. The Nitehawks bus will pick you up at the Beaver Valley Arena parking lot at 6pm 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 plus a picture taken with Santa! Cost is \$10 which covers 1 parent and 1 child. Children must be 4 years or older. This 2nd annual event would not be possible without the Beaver Valley Nitehawks, Beaver Valley Recreation Department, and our Special driver SANTA! **Please call Kelly at 367-9319 to pre-register as spots fill up quickly!**



CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE

December 23 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the BV Arena
Come enjoy the 19th annual Christmas Skating Party sponsored by the Beaver Valley Lions Club!

Skate to your favourite Christmas carols or relax for a few minutes and enjoy a complimentary hot dog and drink while you wait for the arrival of the Special Guest at approximately 12:30 pm.

SENIORS DINNER (Advance Notice)

The BV Recreation's annual Seniors Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. More information will follow in the January newsletter.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ALI GRIEVE, RDKB AREA 'A' DIRECTOR



What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. ~ Agnes M. Pahro

BEAVER VALLEY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Special Christmas Craft Days

Wednesday December 7th or 14th
Time: 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Ages: 6-12

We will be making Graham Wafer Gingerbread Houses. All supplies are included. **Please Pre-register as there are only 12 spots available on each day.**

Special Movie Day

Wednesday December 21, 2011

Time: 2:00 pm

Ages: 6-12

Come to the library and join us for **Babes In Toyland** (Rated G). Wear your comfy PJs and bring a pillow and blanket. Snacks and drinks will be included. **Please call the Beaver Valley Public Library to register.**

Welcome to our Circus – Winter Reading Clubs

Pre-school Kinder Hour (Winter Reading Club)

Tuesdays 10 – 11 am

Starting January 10 until March 6, 2012 (9 weeks)

Come out to the library for an hour of stories, songs, games, crafts, prizes and more all relating to the circus. **Please pre-register as space is limited.**

After-School Hour (Winter Reading Club)

Wednesdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Starting January 11 until March 7, 2012 (9 weeks)

Come out and join us for games day, movie day, and craft days. **Pre-registration is required as space is limited.**


To pre-register for any of the programs please call the Beaver Valley Public Library at 250-367-7114 or drop by at 1847 First Street.

Mother Goose

Starting January 11, 2012 until March 7, 2012

Where: Beaver Valley Public Library

Drop-ins welcome.

From all of us at the Beaver Valley Public Library we'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 

BEAVER VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library would also like to thank all the vendors and patrons at the recent Craft Fair at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. It was certainly successful! Proceeds from the Craft Fair help to fund activities and services at the Beaver Valley Library.


BEAVER VALLEY SKATING CLUB

It's not too late to register your child for skating lessons; CanSkate/TinyTots/PrePower Skating Programs focus on fun, participation and basic skills development. Lessons by a NCCP Certified Professional Coach are held on Mondays and Fridays from 3:45 – 4:45 pm. The PreJunior Academy introduction to the StarSkate Figure Skating program, runs Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Monthly rates are now available along with half or full season rates.

To register or for more information contact Rhonda at 250-367-9704, Lis 250-367-7929 or Dominic at 250-367-0040, or visit their website at www.beavervalley skating.ca

BV BOWLING BANTER

Are you missing a sweater or a coat that you may have left at the bowling lanes when you were last in? All items in our lost and found will be donated to the Salvation Army at the beginning of January if not claimed.

For the month of December the Lanes are busy with Christmas and birthday parties on most weekends. Please call ahead to check the availability for public bowling so you are not disappointed if lanes are not available when you arrive. Remember we only have 5 lanes. 

Beaver Valley Lanes is having a **Boxing Day Bowling Special**. Bring the kids out for some bowling fun on Monday, December 26th from 1 – 5 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per game and includes shoe rental. **Pre-booking a lane is required, so call Kris by December 23rd at 250-367-9111 to reserve your lane.**

BV Lanes will be closed for all bowling on Dec 24, and from Dec 25 through Jan 1. We will reopen on January 2.

BV Lanes is fundraising in support of the Variety Children's Telethon which happens in February 2012. We have some great fundraising events we hope you will take part in to help us raise money for Variety:

- 1) We are having a raffle to win an LCD TV, camera or \$50 gift certificate. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased at BV Lanes or Village of Fruitvale Office.
- 2) Do you want to clean out your pennies? We will be glad to take them off your hands. Just drop them off at the Lanes - we will roll them and donate them to Variety.
- 3) Our major fundraising event is 'Bowling for Kids' which is held at

the end of January. If you would like to enter a team or bowl as an individual and collect pledges we will be glad to give you a couple of free games of bowling. Challenge friends, other businesses or your family – it's a great way to raise money for a very important cause. Pledge sheets will be available at the Lanes for pickup. For more information or details call Kris at 250-367-9111. Remember if you don't want to collect pledges, we will be glad to take your donation and pass it on to Variety. All donations over \$25 will receive a tax receipt.

Happy Holidays from Kris and her Staff at BV Lanes. We hope to see you soon.

WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The intent of this program is to help British Columbians live a better life with cleaner air and a warmer, safer home. New stoves produce up to 70% less particulate matter. They use less firewood, saving you money and time. Cleaner chimneys and improved clearance to combustibles make them much safer to operate too. By exchanging your old appliance you are not only improving your own quality of life but that of everyone in your community. If you ever get a chance to see an old stove and a new one burning side by side you'll see what we are talking about for yourself. Some folks believe that the old stoves don't pollute if run hot enough! What they don't see is going up that chimney - the fine particulates and lot of wasted fuel energy. An old stove can produce as much pollution as 7 Diesel buses.

Funding is available to help with the costs incurred in changing your wood stove. For more information on the Wood Stove Exchange Program, visit the RDKB website at <http://www.rdkb.com/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=626> and contact the Program Coordinator for RDKB, John Vere, toll free 1-866-992-9663.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Inspect all holiday lights for excessive wear, frayed wires and

broken or cracked sockets before putting them up. Only use lighting with an approved testing laboratory sticker. Do not overload electrical outlets or link more than three light strands together. Turn lights off before going to bed or leaving home.

CHRISTMAS TREES



Choose a fresh tree that is not shedding needles. It should have a strong green color and noticeable fragrance.

Cut about three centimetres off the butt end to open up the tree stem and allow water intake. Place tree in a stand that will hold two to three litres of water and top it off daily. If water drops below the end of the trunk, the stem may reseal itself, requiring a fresh cut.

Keep trees away from all sources of heat to prevent the tree from drying out. This includes fireplaces, radiators, furnace ducts, televisions and windows with direct exposure to the sun. A dry tree can easily ignite from heat, flame or sparks. The best protection for a tree is moisture so it is important that it receives a continuous supply of water.

Discard your tree promptly when it becomes dry. The best way to dispose of your tree is at a recycling or community tree-chipping centre. Do not leave a dry tree outside. It is a fire hazard.

CANDLE SAFETY

Keep candles out of reach of children and pets, and away from any combustible materials.



Put candles in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.

Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree.

Never go to bed or leave the house when candles are burning.

HOME SAFETY



Remember to practice 'E.D.I.T.H.' -- Exit Drill in the Home. Families are encouraged to practice their home's exit drills, especially before the holiday season.

Make sure you locate smoke alarms on every level of your home. Check the batteries monthly by using the alarm test button. A working smoke alarm will detect smoke and sound an alarm, giving you precious time to escape.

Need a gift idea?

Smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and CO² detectors make practical holiday gifts.



For more information about fire safety, please contact your local fire department.

VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The Village Office will be closed from 12:00 noon Friday, December 23rd, 2011 to Monday, January 2nd, 2012 inclusive. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 at 8:30 am.



The Staff at the Village Office, Lila, Karen, Sera, Colleen & Melissa, would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2012.

And please remember: DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE – USE A DESIGNATED DRIVER AND ARRIVE HOME SAFE.

PUBLIC WORKS HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Public Works Department will be closed from Friday, December 23rd to Monday, December 26th, 2011 inclusive, then again from Friday, December 30th to Monday, January 2nd, 2012 inclusive. The Public Works Department will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 at 7:00 am. **For emergency matters during these closures please call 250-367-6162 and your call will be forwarded to Emergency Services.**

On behalf of the Public Works Department, Jason, Glen, Howard, Jeff, Garth, Ken and Jordan, we'd like to thank all our residents for your co-operation throughout the year and wish you a safe and joyous Christmas season.



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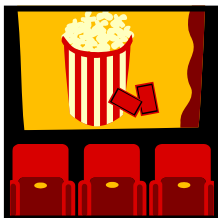
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When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world and into ours – in fact, smack dab in the middle of Central Park. Just three apples high and stuck in the Big Apple, the Smurfs must find a way to get back to their village before Gargamel tracks them down.



SHOWING
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 3rd

AT THE
FRUITVALE
MEMORIAL HALL

SHOWTIME: 4:00 PM

ENTRANCE BY
Donation of one
non-perishable
food item per person

ATTENTION
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS
& CAREGIVERS

Bring the kids and enjoy ***THE SMURFS*** on the big screen! Movie goers will receive a complimentary popcorn and juice to enjoy while watching the movie.

This is an event for the whole
Family to enjoy TOGETHER!

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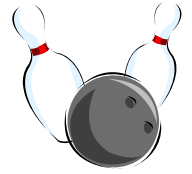
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BOXING DAY BOWLING SPECIAL



at
Beaver
Valley Lanes



\$3.00
per game
includes
shoe rental



MONDAY
DECEMBER 26
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



PRE-BOOKING A LANE BY DECEMBER 23rd
IS REQUIRED FOR THIS BOWLING SPECIAL!
CALL KRIS 367-9111 TO RESERVE YOUR LANE.