



FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS

MARCH 2019

Keeping the Community Informed

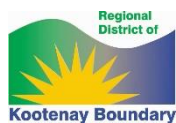
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



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MAYOR STEVE MORISSETTE'S MESSAGE

Council spent February 26-28 in Kimberley at the Local Government Leadership Academy learning how to provide more effective local government. We attended meetings on issues such as Asset Management, Effective Meetings, and Sustainability. This session also provided the opportunity for us to connect and network with all the municipalities in the Kootenays and learn from them as well. I'm extremely proud of the commitment to education by our council; we had everyone attend which will really help us to be effective in our job going forward.

You will have noticed that the Village has not sent out the utility bills yet. Council was not yet fully comfortable with their knowledge of the budget so they decided to delay adopting the budget until March; this delays the utility billing until the end of March after the budget is adopted.

In the coming months I will put the spotlight on each councillor in alphabetical order starting with Vickie Fitzpatrick. Vickie is a first time councillor but brings a wealth of community building experience to the table. Vickie was our first Age Friendly coordinator and was instrumental in building the program our seniors enjoy today. She has been a tireless community volunteer for years and brings that same energy and enthusiasm to Council. On Council, Vickie sits on the Personnel Committee, she heads Village Special Events planning (Remembrance Day, Jingle Down Main, etc.) and she leads the committee struck to look at the Senior's Gym. We are very fortunate to have someone like Vickie on council.

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 1 to April 23**. This is a **free** service available to low-income individuals who satisfy certain limits and restrictions. 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 \$45,000, 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.

No appointments; interviews are on a first-come basis. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the posted closing time. No drop-offs. Be sure to bring all essential documents and receipts to the interview. If possible, bring your copy of the previous year's return and/or the CRA Notice of Assessment for the previous year. A piece of government issued photo ID is also required.

For more information, contact Trail FAIR Society, 250-364-2326.

BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2019

Nominations are being accepted for the 2019 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 10.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

BV LIONS BINGO



Wednesdays

March 6, 13, 20 & 27

6:00 pm

Fruitvale Memorial Hall

MONTROSE CARD CLUB



Monday March 4 &
18

7:00 pm
Montrose Hall

FRUITVALE COMMUNITY CHEST AGM



Tuesday March 19

7:00 pm

Fruitvale Memorial Hall

BV DYNAMIC AGING SOCIETY AGM



Tuesday March 19

7:30 pm

Fruitvale Curling Club
Meeting Room

FRUITVALE COMMUNITY CHEST

The Fruitvale Community Chest will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00pm** in the Fruitvale Memorial Hall.

The Fruitvale Community Chest needs a person to assume the role of Secretary Treasurer. If you are interested, please come to the AGM to get information.

Also, a few of the directors have been serving for over 35 years and would like to step aside. If you are interested in being a director, please attend the AGM and indicate your interest.

If you have donated to the Fruitvale Community Chest, you are a member and are entitled to vote at the AGM. Memberships can also be purchased at the meeting for those interested in becoming a member. Hope to see you at the meeting.

BV DYNAMIC AGING SOCIETY

The Board of Directors of the BVDAS invites all interested BV residents to attend the Annual General Meeting being held in the downstairs meeting room at the BV Curling Club on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:30pm**. Membership renewals and new memberships will be available from 7:00-7:30pm and are only \$1.

The Beaver Valley Dynamic Aging Society is a BC non-profit community organization with the aim of enhancing the quality of life in the Beaver Valley for all ages by providing opportunities for social interaction, learning, physical and mental exercise through the provision of events and programs.

BVDAS will financially support organized groups and individuals through grants, sponsorships/partnerships, programs and events to further the aims of the Society. This support is not limited by age, and the Society is open to your ideas and suggestions – we want to enhance the lives of all Beaver Valley residents.

Please consider becoming a member, or volunteering, or providing your input to assist us with our planning.

EARTH HOUR 2019

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 30** 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 2019 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>

BEAVER VALLEY MAY DAYS

Beaver Valley May Days is looking for someone to run the annual Poker Tournament on Saturday, May 25. If you are interested, please contact Catherine at catherine.ellison12@gmail.com or 250-231-3608 or Randi at lladred.rd@gmail.com or 250-231-2129.

BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

The Beaver Valley Youth Club, open to all Beaver Valley youth ages 12-18, has the following events scheduled for February:

Friday, March 15 – Glow Skate @ BV Arena. 8:00-10:00pm.

Sunday, March 17 – Leadership Journey #3 @ Fruitvale Memorial Hall, 6:00-7:00pm
Bowling - TBA

For more information on the above events and to register, contact Tammy Gallamore, BV Youth Coordinator at beavervalleyyouthclub@gmail.com and check out Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club for all the program details and updates.

BV LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

BV Little League Baseball is always looking for players (boys and girls) and volunteers for the 2019 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. Deadline to register is March 31. There is no late registration. For more information or to register contact Rebecca at 250-367-0064.

BEAVER VALLEY SKATING CLUB - 2019 SPRING SKATING SCHOOL

The Beaver Valley Skating Club is accepting registrations for the 2019 Spring School skating session. For more information on the programs below and registration forms and

UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY



Board of Directors

Thursday, March 7
3:30 pm
White Crystal Inn
Big White

BV Recreation Committee

Tuesday, March 12
4:30 pm
Montrose Village Office

Electoral Area Services Committee

Thursday, March 14
12:00 Noon
RDKB Trail
Board Room

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, March 19
4:30 pm
RDKB Trail
Board Room

Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 20
6:00 pm
RDKB Trail
Board Room

costs, Email: bvskatingclub@gmail.com or Call Robyn Batch 250-231-9567.

PRE-CANSKATE & CANSKATE - April 1-24, 2019 Mondays & Wednesdays 3:15-4:00pm (Group Instruction). Registration deadline is March 11, 2019.

RISING STARS - Star 1-3 Figure Skating-April 1-25, 2019 Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15-4:00pm (Group Instruction). Registration deadline is March 15.

STARSKATE FIGURE SKATING - April 1-26, 2019 Monday to Friday - Star 1-4 from 3:45 - 5:45pm; Star 5 & up from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Registration deadline is March 15, 2019.

SPRING POWERSKATING - (birth year 2011 & up)

April 13 - 12:45-1:45pm; April 14 - 2:45-1:45; April 27 - 6:15-7:15pm; April 28 - 12:45-1:45pm.

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

BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MOTHER GOOSE

January 10 - March 14, 2019

Ages 0-3

10:00am - 11:00 am



Sign up the kids for some **Spring Break fun** at the Beaver Valley Public Library. For ages 6-12 years old.

March 19, 20, 26 & 27, 2019

10:00-11:00 am

March 21 & 28, 2019

1:00-2:00 pm

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

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

Beaver Valley Recreation has the following programs available. For more information on these programs, please contact Kelly at 250-367-9319:

Zumba Kids Jr., Zumba Kids, Zumba Adults, Power Yoga, Restorative Massage Yoga, Box Kick Strength, Sit & Tone Fitness Class, Cardio Mix, Seniors Line Dance, Kids Time with Sticks and Pucks, Spring Break Public Skate.

For the below programs, please contact the numbers listed:

Thai Cooking - Friday, 6:00-8:00pm, \$36.75, Montrose Hall, March 29 (register with Selkirk College 364-5770)

Kids N' Rents Cupcakes - Saturday, 1:00-3:00pm, \$47.25, Montrose Hall, April 13 (register with Selkirk College 364-5770)

Personal Training - April Arnot is offering 1 on 1, pairs and small groups of 3-4 people at the Taekwon Do Gym. Seniors 65+ receive 5% off. Contact April at 250-231-5919.

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary News

FIRST NATIONS ARBOUR

The First Nations Arbour is taking shape at Beaver Creek Provincial Park. The final design will incorporate signage and information to acknowledge the partnership between BC Parks, FortisBC, Columbia Power and Columbia Basin Trust in addition to information about the Waneta Expansion Project and the natural and human history of the area. The project is on target for completion by summer, 2019.



BEAVER VALLEY FAMILY PARK - PLAYGROUND ADDITION

Based on feedback we have received from user groups at Beaver Valley Family Park, the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee approved a new playground structure and swing set for children ages 2-10. The playground will replace the existing volley ball court. We think this new addition will greatly enhance the park and provide families with another feature to engage children in physical activity. The playground is scheduled for installation this summer. The photo to the left is of the actual structure being installed.



FUNDING TO LOCAL GROUPS/PROJECTS - GRANTS-IN-AID

RDKB Area A Director Ali Grieve approved the following Grants-in-Aid:

UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE COUNCIL



Council Meeting
Monday, March 11
@ 6:00 pm

**Committee
of the Whole**
Monday, March 25
@ 4:00 pm

**Above meetings held
in Council Chambers**

2019 DOG TAGS



**Residents of
Fruitvale – Purchase
tags at the Village
Office**

**Residents of Area A
Purchase at the
RDKB Office in Trail
or at the SPCA**

- \$750 to J. Lloyd Crowe Secondary School – Area A Memorial Award for Scholarship.
- \$2,500 to the Beaver Valley Blooming Society to fill flower tubs along Main Street and around town, the cemetery and ground plantings at the west end of Main Street and between Liberty AG Foods and Fruitvale Memorial Centre.

Village of Fruitvale News

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE UTILITY BILLS

The 2019 water, sewer and garbage bills will be sent out sometime this month. Home owners will have 30 days from the date of billing to pay in order to take advantage of the 5% discount. The 2019 Garbage and Recycling Calendar will be sent out with the bills. In the meantime, residents can access the calendar on our website at <https://fruitvale.icompasscms.com/content/2019-garbage-and-recycling-calendar>

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

STREET LIGHTS

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

HOUSE NUMBERS

It's imperative for 9-1-1 emergencies that home owners have their house number visible from the road. This will enable emergency personnel (fire, police, ambulance) to find you in case of an emergency.

STREET SIGNS

If you notice any faded or illegible street signs, please report the location and street name to the Village Office at village.info@village.fruitvale.bc or 250-367-7551.

SENIORS' GYM

Users of the Seniors' Gym are reminded that the Gym does not have a designated janitor, except for the bathrooms, therefore it is up to the users to keep the facility clean. Currently there is a group of volunteers who have been supplying cleaning supplies and keeping the gym clean. Below is a list of items the volunteers ensure get done to keep the Gym clean:

- Launder the white cloths;
- Sweep, vacuum, and wash the mats under the equipment;
- Sweep, vacuum and wash the exercise mats;
- Sweep, vacuum, dust mop, and wash the floors;
- Sweep or vacuum the entrance carpet;
- Sweep the stairwell when needed;
- Dust and wipe down the machines.

However, this group may not always be available, so users are asked that if you see something that needs cleaning, please clean it. All cleaning equipment and supplies are in the gym.

Expectations from the users are to:

- a) **Wear clean shoes in the gym area.** Do not wear your street shoes;
- b) Sign in and sign out in the book provided;
- c) Report any problems with the equipment and/or the facility to the Village Office;
- d) Use the equipment in the manner that it is supposed to be used;
- e) Spray down and wipe the equipment with the provided towel when done using it;
- f) Sweep the mat under the equipment.

Remember, this is **your** Seniors' GYM – your help is needed to keep it clean.

2019 SNOWBUSTER

What is a 'Snowbuster'? A Snowbuster is someone who performs *Random Acts of Kindness* to their neighbours by clearing snow and ice.

Are you the recipient of a Snowbuster's 'Random Act of Kindness'? This is your last chance to show your appreciation to your Snowbuster. Submit the name of your Snowbuster to village.info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca along with a brief explanation of why you would like to nominate your Snowbuster. At the end of March all nominations will be placed in a draw for a gift certificate from a local business.





BEAVER VALLEY WATER SERVICE

2018 NEWSLETTER

The Beaver Valley Water Service is owned by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) and operated by the Village of Fruitvale. The RDKB and Village of Fruitvale actively plans and advocates on behalf of the utility by making collective decisions in the spirit of water management, water conservation and water system improvements.

RDKB UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Utilities Committee consists of:

- Area 'A' RDKB Director
- Village of Fruitvale Director
- Area 'B' Lower Columbia/Old Glory RDKB Director
- Area 'C' Christina Lake RDKB Director
- Area 'E' West Boundary RDKB Director
- Village of Warfield Director
- City of Trail Director
- City of Rossland Director

The Utilities Committee meets once a month in order to make decisions with respect to management of the water utility and plan to ensure our water needs are sustainable for the future.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Cleanwater Wastewater Fund (CWWF)

In 2017, Beaver Valley Water Service was awarded over \$175,000 from the CWWF. CWWF is funded by the Federal and Provincial Governments. These funds were used in 2018 to complete the replacement of water mains on Davis Avenue corridor from Eastview Street to Caughlin Road. This eliminated long standing private property encroachments and increased the capacity for future developments in the area.

2019 FOCUS AND PROJECTS

Asset Management

RDKB staff are taking 2019 to develop a asset management system for the Beaver Valley Water Service. This plan will help managers plan for future expenses and ensure that the water utility continues to provide safe and clean water to its users at a reasonable cost.

DID YOU KNOW?

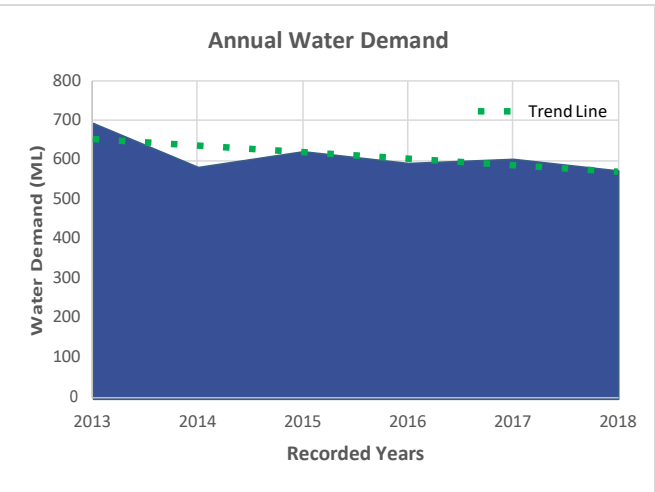
The Beaver Valley Water Service has 4 storage reservoirs, the Clearwell, capacity of 611,000 litres; the Mill Road Reservoir, capacity of 454,600 litres; Kelly Creek Reservoir, capacity of 2,727,600 litres; and the Fruitvale Creek Tank, capacity of 1,091,000 litres. This is a combined capacity of 4,884,240 litres, or the capacity of about 2 Olympic size swimming pools.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2018 annual report will be available at rdkb.com around March 2019. Copies can be obtained from RDKB offices.

2018 WATER DEMAND

Month	Units	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	ML	39.2	36.2	37.5	34.7	31.8	29.5
February	ML	35.9	34.1	32.5	32.0	28.1	27.1
March	ML	37.3	33.7	37.4	34.2	33.5	29.3
April	ML	42.1	37	40.9	45.9	35.9	31.8
May	ML	74.7	45.9	69.5	66.9	51.1	61.1
June	ML	74.3	65.5	84.5	65.7	72.2	68.6
July	ML	117.9	91.6	98.5	75.8	110.2	96.7
August	ML	98.3	72.5	76.0	92.9	89.9	89.1
September	ML	65.7	50.1	42.5	53.0	60.2	52.8
October	ML	40.1	44.2	36.7	35.0	33.5	31.8
November	ML	34.3	36.0	32.7	27.3	28.6	28.0
December	ML	36.3	38.1	35.9	31.5	30.3	30.3
Total	ML	695.9	584.8	624.5	594.8	605.3	576.1



WATER RESTRICTION LEVEL 1

Water Restriction Level 1 is in effect at all times. At points throughout the year, the water service could enter Levels 2 through 5 depending on weather and drought conditions, this is usually during summer months.

Under **Water Restriction Level 1**, the following applies:

- Odd numbered houses water on odd numbered days
- Even numbered houses water on even numbered days
- One sprinkler per household
- Sprinkling times are restricted to:
 - **7 am to 10 am and 7 pm to 10 pm**
- Underground Sprinkler Systems to water between **1 am and 6 am** for 20-minute intervals per zone.
- Ensure water stays on lawn and garden area and does not run down your driveway or onto the street. Please refrain from sprinkling when it is raining.

MORE INFORMATION

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