

April 4, 2011

City of Parksville Proclamations and Recognitions

The City of Parksville is pleased to accept requests from charitable organizations to proclaim "months" or "days" in our municipality. This is an opportunity to bring public awareness and recognition to the organizations that play a critical role in our community. To date, the City has proclaimed the following for the months of April and May 2011:

Canadian Cancer Society - April

Acting Mayor Chris Burger has proclaimed April as Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month and April 27 as Daffodil Day in the City of Parksville. www.cancer.ca (BC and Yukon).

Emergency Preparedness Week - May 1-7

Emergency Preparedness Week serves as a call to action and emphasizes the importance of taking steps to improve preparedness levels. Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility and learning what to do before, during and after an emergency situation is important. During this week, the City will host EP 101, a personal preparedness workshop on May 4 from 2 to 4 pm or 6 to 8 pm in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. www.parksville.ca (Newsroom)

Youth Week - May 1-7

Youth Week 2011 is an internationally celebrated event that recognizes the positive contributions youth make in their communities and to celebrate the valuable work youth and youth organizations do year round. The City is seeking Mayor for a Day essays from youth ages 11 to 18. The winning essay will be announced during Youth Week and the winner will serve as honorary mayor during Local Government Awareness Week. www.bcyouthweek.com; www.rdn.bc.ca

Drinking Water Week - May 1-7

Drinking Water Week 2011 is a public outreach campaign dedicated to raising community awareness about our water supply. The BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA) is working to spread the word that water is a finite resource and should be protected and conserved. www.bcwwa.org

Local Government Awareness Week and National Public Works Week - May 15-21

Local Government Awareness Week is a partnership between UBCM, CivicInfo BC, Local Government Management Association and Cultural Development, Ministry of Education, Public Works Association and BC School Trustees Association. The goal for the week is to generate awareness and education the public about the roles and responsibilities of local government and encourage the public to participate in the local government processes, including voting in local elections. More information at www.lgaw.bc.ca

National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and seeks to acknowledge the efforts of the many men and women in North America who provide and maintain civic infrastructure and services. www.apwa.net/about/npww

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