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City of Parksville Proclamations

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. The following upcoming days have been proclaimed in the City of Parksville:

Hunger Awareness Day - May 31

At the request of the Mount Arrowsmith Salvation Army, Acting Mayor Chris Burger has proclaimed May 31 as Hunger Awareness Day in Parksville. Hunger Awareness Day is an initiative of the Food Banks Association of Canada of which The Salvation Army in Parksville is a member. Hunger Awareness Day is intended to address the household food security needs of children, youth and families and the role that food banks play in serving our community needs. www.foodbankscanada.ca

Access Awareness Day - June 4

Chris Burger has proclaimed June 4 as "Access Awareness Day" in the City. The theme for 2011 is "Everyone In" which recognizes the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have equitable access to opportunities that are important to them. Sponsored by SPARC BC (Social Planning and Research Council of BC), the day highlights the important roles we play in creating inclusive and accessible communities for people of all abilities. Since 1997, SPARC BC has been promoting Access Awareness Day in BC, a comprehensive campaign to raise awareness about disability, accessibility and social inclusion. www.sparc.bc.ca/access-awareness-day

Red Friday - June 17

At the request of the Mayor of the City of Courtenay, Friday, June 17 has been proclaimed "Red Friday" in Parksville. Residents are invited to wear red to show support for Canadian Troops serving in Afghanistan and around the world. The 4th annual "Boomer's Ride" from Courtenay to Victoria takes place on June 17 and June 18 with riders raising funds for Boomer's Legacy. From Courtenay, Corporal Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom, a dedicated soldier and medic, was killed in Afghanistan in 2006 and his death was the catalyst for the foundation. This is an opportunity, in a non-partisan manner, to let our troops know that their sacrifices do not go unnoticed at home. www.boomerslegacy.ca

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