

## City of Parksville Proclamations

The Mayor of 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's well-being. The City is recognizing the work of the following organizations through these proclamations in October and November 2011:

### Community Living Month - October

Community Living Month celebrates the achievements of people with developmental disabilities, including independent living, workplace accomplishments as well as community and social participation. This proclamation recognizes the hard work of individuals, families and community members to create inclusive communities and opportunities for all residents with developmental disabilities. The month is acknowledged annually by the province to raise public and community awareness about the skills and abilities adults with developmental disabilities and their families can bring to community and the work and support municipalities provide to help build more inclusive communities. Information may be found at <http://www.bcacl.org/community-living-month>.

### National Waste Reduction Week - October 17-23

Waste Reduction Week is intended to raise awareness about waste and its environmental and social impacts. The theme of this week is "Too Good to Waste" and is meant to draw attention to the richness and diversity of the natural world and the importance of working towards ecological sustainability through waste avoidance and resource conservation. The Recycling Council of BC has sponsored this event for fifteen years and it is recognized as a national event with participation from across Canada. More information is available at [www.wrwcanada.com](http://www.wrwcanada.com).

### Canada World Youth Week - October 17-23

Since 1971, more than 34,000 young people from Canada and around the world have taken part in youth leadership programs in 67 countries and dedicate more than one million hours of volunteer work each year. CWY is a world leader in developing international educational programs committed to enriching the lives of young people that have a desire to become informed and active global citizens. CWY programs are designed to help youth experience the world for themselves, learn about other cultures and diverse Canada communities while developing leadership and communication skills. More information is available at [www.canadaworldyouth.org](http://www.canadaworldyouth.org).

**Restorative Justice Week - November 13-20**

Restorative justice is a non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice that emphasizes healing in victims, meaningful accountability of offenders, and the involvement of citizens in creating healthier, safer communities. This year's theme, "Re-visioning Justice", calls upon all of us to envision how a restorative justice approach can be applied and implemented within existing systems. The purpose of Restorative Justice Week throughout the Canada and the world is to share the concrete learning and results that have come from the growing experience of practitioners and stakeholders in the application of a restorative justice approach and processes. Restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and a sense of closure. Information and resources is available from [www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/index-eng.shtml](http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/index-eng.shtml)

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**About Parksville** — One of the fastest growing communities on Vancouver Island, 12,000 residents call Parksville their home. Located on Vancouver Island's sheltered east coast, Parksville offers a quality lifestyle with many activities. We are committed to being the city of choice for ourselves and future generations in a clean, safe, friendly, economically viable and sustainable environment.