

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 role these organizations play in our community. Mayor Burger has proclaimed the following from May 20 to June 3.

Local Government Awareness Week and National Public Works Week - May 20-26

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 this week is to generate awareness and educate the public about the roles and responsibilities of local government and encourage the public to participate in the local government processes. The City will hold a town hall style Council meeting on May 23 at Ballenas High School. <http://www.parksville.ca/cms/wpattachments/wplD166atID5170.pdf>

National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and seeks to acknowledge the people who provide and maintain civic infrastructure and services known as public works. The City will recognize Public Works Week with an open house on May 24 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Community Park. <http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wplD=166#pwopen>

Bike to Work Week - May 28 to June 3

The mandate of Bike to Work is to encourage and promote the use of the bicycle as transportation to work and to help experience the joy of an ever-increasing number of people safely commuting by bicycle. There are a number of events scheduled in Oceanside, organized by the Oceanside Cycling Coalition.

On May 29, there's a "Bike to Work Week" event with a cycle from the Community Park to Rath Trevor and back on some of the recommended cycling routes in Parksville. Participants should gather at the Waterfront Gazebo at 4 pm for a cycle to Rath Trevor Park and then back to the gazebo for refreshments. For more information on Bike to Work Week 2012 and to register your involvement <http://biketowork.ca/oceanside>

Parksville-Qualicum Fish and Game Association Month

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Parksville-Qualicum Fish and Game Association, the City declared May as PQFG Month in Parksville. PQFG has a proud history of conservation, habitat preservation and outdoor recreation education. PQFG operates a fish hatchery, participates in water quality monitoring, offers shooting and fishing programs for seniors and the physically challenged and archery programs for adults and juniors. PQFG will celebrate throughout the year with many events May 21-27. www.pqfg.com

Senior Citizens Day - June 1

The Parksville branch of the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization requested that the City declare June 1 as Senior Citizens Day in Parksville. 2012 marks the 80th year this group has provided advocacy for seniors in such areas as health care, affordable housing, accessible transportation, pedestrian safety and government legislation when there are changes to public pensions or supplements which may adversely affect seniors' lives. The mandate of the BC Old Age Pensioners is to support seniors in all aspects of their everyday life.

Access Awareness Day - June 2

June 2 marks the 15th annual Access Awareness Day which provides each of us with an opportunity to look at our communities and to think about how we can strive to make our communities a little more accessible and inclusive for everyone. The theme for 2012 is "Celebrate Accessibility, Celebrate Inclusion". The goal of Access Awareness Day is to draw attention to the fact that each of us has a role to play in promoting accessibility in our community.

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

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