

## City of Parksville Proclamations for June

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 in June.

### **Parksville-Qualicum Fish and Game Association Month**

In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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. [www.pqfg.com](http://www.pqfg.com)

### **Senior Citizens Day - June 1**

The Parksville branch of the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization requested that the City declare Senior Citizens Day in Parksville. 2012 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sparc.bc.ca/access-awareness-day)

### **World Oceans Week - June 8-15**

World Oceans Week in Canada is designated as June 8 to June 15. This campaign urges residents to conserve water, preserve waterways and shorelines, reduce emissions and carbon footprint and to protect the habitat along and in our waterways. As well, this week urges Canadians to help our marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list.

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