

City of Parksville Proclamations for May 2013

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 Mayor of the City of Parksville has proclaimed the following for May 2013. Also included are the Parksville activities which are part of the weeks being recognized by the City.

Youth Week - May 1-7

Youth Week, a provincial celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May is an opportunity for the City to celebrate the contributions made by young people in their community and to celebrate the valuable work youth and youth organizations do year round. This year, the City will contribute to celebrations by hosting a free public skate for youth ages 11 to 18 on Friday, May 3 from 10.15 to 11.45 am at Oceanside Place Arena. www.bcyouthweek.com <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=3008>

Local Government Awareness and National Public Works Week - May 19-25

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 week is intended to generate awareness and education about the roles and responsibilities of local government and encourage the public to participate in local government processes. www.lgaw.bc.ca

National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and to the people who provide and maintain civic infrastructure and services 24/7. www.pwabc.cpwa.net

Drinking Water Week - May 20-26

Drinking Water Week is sponsored by BC Water and Waste Association a not-for-profit organization with a mandate to safeguard public health and the environment on matters related to water. Through activities during the week, Parksville along with the RDN, Nanaimo, Qualicum Beach, Lantzville and the BCWWA will educate residents about their drinking water, including where it comes from, where it ends up and the many people and processes involved along the way. An important part is raising awareness of the need to conserve our water and protect our environment. Activities include a photo contest and video series <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=2986> www.drinkingwaterweek.org

Springwood Open House - On Wednesday, May 22, the City of Parksville will host an open house of the Springwood Water Facility at 550 Despard Avenue in Parksville. Tours will be held between 11 and 3 pm. A series of 16 wells, mechanical pumps, and storage reservoirs used as a source of supply are located in the vicinity of Springwood Park. This is a great opportunity to view the facility and learn about your water system.

Bike to Work Week - May 27 to June 2

The mandate of Bike to Work Week is to encourage and promote the use of bicycles as transportation to work and to help experience the joy of an ever-increasing number of people safely commuting by bicycle. During the week, a number of events will be organized by the Oceanside Cycling Coalition. For more information on Bike to Work Week 2013 and to register your involvement <http://biketowork.ca/oceanside>. The Bike to Work Week location shows as "Oceanside"

Parksville Ride With Council - On May 29, City Mayor Burger and Council will host a "Parksville Ride with Council." The ride will start at City Hall at 4 pm and will cover some of the recommended cycling routes in Parksville. Those interested in joining the ride should gather at 4 pm at City Hall, refreshments will be provided.

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