

Celebration to Re-Open Foster Park Playground

The public is invited to join in the celebration to officially re-open the Foster Park playground on Friday, October 2 at 3 pm. Foster Park is located at 625 Pym Street at Sanderson Road.

Extensive upgrades to the playground area of Foster Park started in June are now complete. Upgrades include a softer rubber surface with a concrete border replacing pea gravel and an old wooden border, a roadway design around the perimeter of the rubber, all new playground equipment as well as additional picnic tables and larger pads.

Estimated cost of the upgrade is about \$100,000 supported by the City of Parksville, a grant from the Tire Stewardship BC and donations from the Desai family, the Friends of Foster Park Highway Four Rentals and NR Pass Construction Ltd.

Tucked away just off Pym Street (625 Pym Street), Foster Park is a neighbourhood park of 2.72 hectares. There is a large gazebo which is booked for special events such as birthday parties, family reunions, fitness and preschool programs. Formed in 1995, the Friends of Foster Park organization has provided thousands of volunteer hours to maintain and improve the park, host events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Halloween Pumpkin Walk as well as working to fundraise for equipment and upgrades.

The Friends of Foster Park will host the annual Halloween Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, October 31 from 7-9 pm.

Tire Stewardship BC is a not-for-profit society formed to manage BC's tire recycling program. Tire Stewardship BC and Parksville OK Tire will host a *Tire Round-up* on October 17 from 10 am to 3 pm, an opportunity for residents to recycle their old tires.

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