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Licence Renewals for 2022

Due January 31, 2022, City of Parksville dog and business licence renewals have been mailed to residents and businesses and may now be paid.

2022 Business Licences - renewals are due January 31, 2022, and fees which remain unpaid after January 31 will be subject to fines.

- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard) payments from the City's website [Online *Services*>*Online Payments*]
- By mail (P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3)
- Dropbox at City Hall (100 Jensen Avenue East)
- In-person at City Hall (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm)

2022 Dog Licences - fees are due by January 31. If you do not receive a notice in December and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased in-person from City Hall (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm) and the BCSPCA (open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm).

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs. All dogs older than

be renewed yearly. Rates for tags:

By January 31 Spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30 After January 31 Spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35

six months must wear a municipal dog tag, which must

Council and staff wish you and your family a most Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Holiday office closures City offices and operations will be closed on Monday, December 27, Tuesday, December 28 and Monday, January 3. For after-hours emergency (weekends and holidays), phone 250 248-6144 to reach our on-call service.
- Council appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations to November 6, 2022, may be viewed on our website [City Hall/Mayor and Council].
- Winter conditions info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions].
- 2022 special events applications now accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts January 31. Annual events given priority provided request received by January 31, after which applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 31, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to event. Policy and forms on website. 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca.

Parksville Fire Food Drive 2021

This year's drive was a huge success. Our firefighters were located throughout Parksville asking residents to fill the boots for food. A total of \$93,464 cash was collected over the weekend along with new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. Once again, Craig Bay residents were beyond generous, donating a record amount of \$58,635 and 3,676 pounds of food. The fire department raised \$34,829 and 600 pounds of food.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the drive and are the reason for its success. Parksville Fire appreciates our residents who make the world of difference to many families in our community. Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Please contact them directly if you can help.



Recruiting Now!

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer paid on-call firefighter? In January, Parksville Fire will officially kick off their 2022 recruitment campaign. We are looking for positive, energetic and community minded women and men to join the team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. Recruit classes begin in the spring and applications will be accepted until March 4. You need to live within our fire protection area (ideally within City boundary), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between ages 19 and 60 for regular members.

Volunteer firefighters are people who care about and wish to be actively involved in their community. They have courage, dedication and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. You will be trained, challenged and your life will change.

If you have what it takes, give us a call. Details at parksvillefirerescue.ca. If interested, call 250 248-3242, weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm, to chat with an officer or arrange a tour. We welcome those interested to attend our regular Monday night practice on January 31 at 6.45 pm. Please RSVP to fire@parksville.ca or 250 248-3242.

Pride • Courage • Passion • Teamwork

City Dates

December 20 **Council Meeting** December 27, 28 Offices closed Offices closed January 3 January 17 **Council Meeting** February 7 **Council Meeting** February 21 Council Meeting

*Note: Council meetings are held at 1 pm

Parksville Community Centre

Renovations to operate the PCC as the Parksville Child and Family Centre will soon begin and while underway, Island Health will again operate a vaccine clinic in the PCC through spring. Space in the PCC is also available for Emergency Management Oceanside offices and reception centre setup should it be required. The PCC is expected to open for BGC Central Vancouver Island summer 2022 programs with licensed childcare spaces available September 2022, along with community access to the centre. Please refer to Let's Talk Parksville for info and updates.

Outdoor Theatre Construction Underway

Construction will begin soon on the new outdoor theatre in the Parksville Community Park. Copcan Civil Ltd was awarded the contract to construct the outdoor theatre along with water, storm and sanitary infrastructure. Initial work includes tree removal, equipment and materials delivery and fencing. Site excavation will start in mid December with completion May 2022. Ravenhill Road in the park will be

closed to vehicle traffic, Monday to Friday and will be open weekends only.





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